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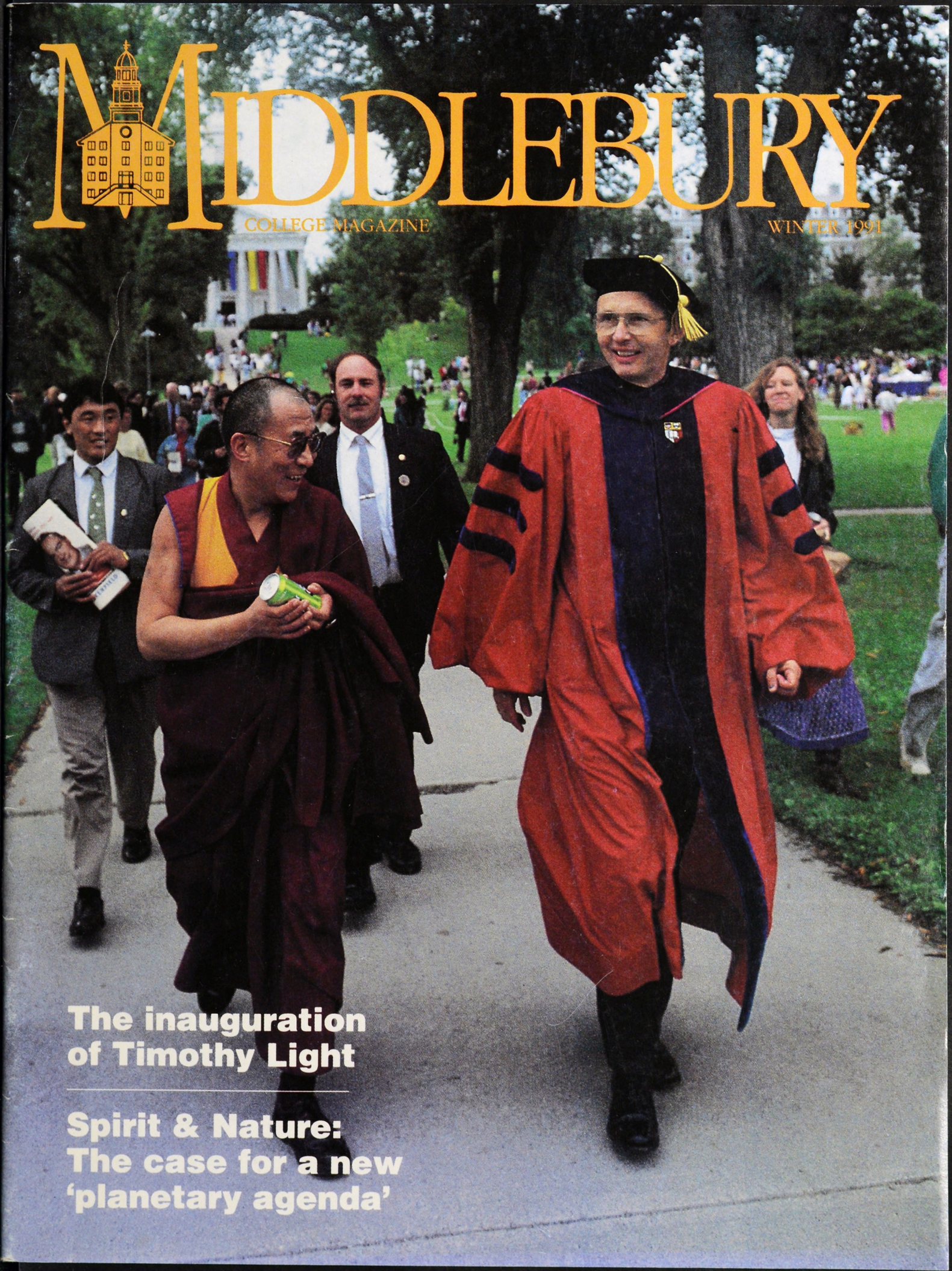

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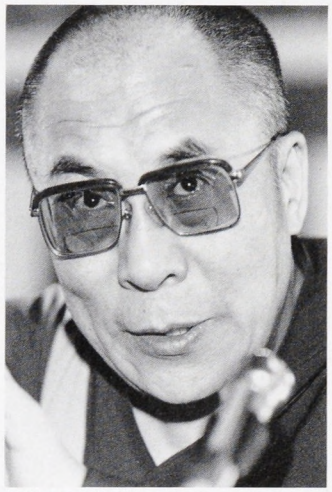

ERIK BORG '67

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Top photo: The Dalai Lama, who was one of six religious scholars on hand for the 'Spirit and Nature' conference. Bottom photo: The inaugural parade during Homecoming Weekend.

On the cover: The Dalai Lama and President Timothy Light head down the hill after the conference's final event. Photo by Erik Borg '67.

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'Standing on the shoulders of giants' **14**

Timothy Light was inaugurated as the 14th president of Middlebury College on October 13, during a gala Homecoming Weekend. In his inaugural address, President Light paid his respects, and acknowledged his debt, to those who had come before him, and talked about the challenges facing higher education in general, and Middlebury in particular, during the 1990's and beyond.

Spirit & Nature **22**

The Dalai Lama of Tibet and five other religious scholars came to Middlebury in September for a symposium, "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis." The message they carried: Humanity will not deal effectively with the environment until it is able to rediscover the sacred qualities of the natural world, and humanity's proper place in that world. *By Tim Etchells '74; photos by Erik Borg '67.*

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Probably no issue has divided the College community over the past few years in quite the same way as the fraternity question. When, about a year ago, the Task Force on Student Social Life submitted a report to the trustees that recommended abolishing the fraternities, the outcry from the frat members on campus, and from alumni who had been fraternity members, was loud.

The trustees decided not to go along with that recommendation, and instead gave the fraternities a chance to survive, and to remain in their current homes, if they would make the transition to coeducational "houses."

Last spring, all six of Middlebury's currently active fraternities — DU, Chi Psi, Sig Ep, KDR, Zeta Psi and DKE — told the Community Council, which was to oversee this transition, that they would go along with the trustees' decision. And, indeed, four of the houses now have women as members, or at least have a reasonable number of women in their pledge classes.

But two of the fraternities, Chi Psi and DKE, still have no women members, no women in their current pledge classes, no plans to admit women anytime soon, or to renounce their affiliations with resolutely all-male nationals. Chi Psi, according to its president, Rich Cochran '91, plans to move off campus — if the College decides not to prohibit students from belonging to off-campus fraternities. Otherwise, he said, the fraternity will go along with the trustees' mandate.

DKE appears to hope that its unique status — it's the only non-residential fraternity, and its house is owned by the DKE Alumni Association, while the other houses are owned by the College — will somehow keep it exempt from the trustees' mandate. But at a meeting to discuss the fraternity issue (*see page 9 for a story on that meeting*), Karl Lindholm '67, dean of students and chair of the committee that is working to restructure the "house" system, said that his committee's recommendation was that "DKE play by the same rules as everyone else."

At that meeting, it was disappointing to hear quite a few male fraternity members still talking about the "unfairness" of the trustees' decision, and of the proposal from Lindholm's committee that the frats, or "houses," have women represent one-third of the total membership by the fall of 1992, and one-third of those living in each house by the fall of 1991. And it was startling to hear the same frat members bemoan the "discrimination" against males that would be involved in meeting those guidelines — apparently oblivious to the irony of such statements.

I belonged to a fraternity while at Middlebury, and enjoyed the experience. It's worth noting, however, that back then, in the mid 1970's, many of the fraternities had quite a few women as social members; interestingly enough, Chi Psi was one of the leaders in this respect. During most of the decade of the '80s, this was not the case. Indeed, when the trustees made their decision last winter, only KDR had any women — two — as members.

Right now, it appears that the consensus on campus — at least among those who are not fraternity members — is that social and/or residential organizations that discriminate on the basis of gender have outlived whatever legitimacy they may have once had at the College. (It's worth remembering that Middlebury has been coeducational, and proud of it, for 107 years.) What you hear on campus, from students, faculty and staff, is that it's in the best interests of the houses and the College for everyone — recalcitrant students and disgruntled alumni — to stop whining, and get with the program. Things have got to change.

It's my suspicion that, if given a chance, the house system that eventually emerges from the deliberations now taking place on campus will be stronger, and more vital, than the fraternity system it replaces. And, perhaps most importantly, a great deal fairer.

Correction: Ann Williams Jackson and her husband Charles Jackson, both '74, had a daughter back in May. The good news was reported in the class notes for the Autumn issue, under the class of '38 (Emily Barclay Jackson, Charlie's mother, is a member of that class.) The '38 secretaries had identified Charlie's wife only as "Ann." Somewhere along the line, that was changed to "Anne Cady Jackson '73," whose mother, Marge Arnold Cady, is also a member of the class of '38. As it happens, Anne Cady Jackson is married not to Charlie but to his twin brother, Andrew Jackson '74. Anyway, our apologies to all involved for the mistake (which is all the more embarrassing, personally, because all of the Jacksons are good friends).

So it goes. We must say, though, that perhaps there should be a prohibition of some kind against twin brothers from the same class marrying women with the same first name who graduated from Middlebury a year apart.

— Tim Etchells '74

LETTERS

The Middlebury College Magazine *welcomes letters from readers on the contents of the magazine or on topics related to the College. To be published, letters must be signed, and should be addressed to: The Editor,* Middlebury College Magazine,*Wilson House, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Don't blame the College for one person's mistake

Editor: I am writing in response to Victor King's letter in the Summer issue and the subsequent letters in the Autumn issue of the magazine. I am late in responding because I did not read the Summer issue until I saw the letters in the Autumn magazine.

I am writing for several reasons:

• To accept responsibility for the Class Notes column in question,

• To note that my co-secretary was *not* involved with the particular column,

• To extend my apologies to my classmate for the omission,

• To express my regret for any unintentional hurt the omission caused,

• And to express my concern that an entire educational community is being criticized because of the actions of one of its members.

First and foremost, I apologize to my classmate for the omission. I meant no disrespect nor to ignore the importance of his relationship.

I also want to confirm that the magazine has no editorial policy restricting this news from the column. The magazine's guidelines for class secretaries do recommend against including engagements, living arrangements, pregnancies and similar items. The purpose of this guideline is to minimize any hurt or embarrassment should circumstances change and the news have to be "unannounced."

Having been responsible for a broken engagement and having lived through my wife's miscarriage of an announced pregnancy, I am perhaps overly sensitive to this issue. However, I do work hard to be consistent in applying it to the column.

In retrospect, I could have, and probably should have, been more sensitive to the significance of the reference by my classmate to his lover. Under the circumstances, I should have called my classmate to be certain of how he wanted the news reported. I did not, I apologize for the omission and I am sorry for any hurt this caused.

Mr. King writes that he expects more from Middlebury and intends to withhold financial support from the College. The Middlebury community did not make this mistake, I did. It is unfair and inappropriate to penalize current or future students of the the College for my error. I hope he will reconsider.

Professor Cornwall also offers a blanket assessment of the Middlebury community. I know many fine people in the community who probably would have handled the situation better than I did. I resent the aspersions cast on their character because of my perceived shortfall.

It is easy to be angry, to criticize and to assign blame. It is harder to openly and constructively discuss, debate and educate one another. I am hopeful that this unfortunate lapse will make us all more aware and sensitive to the needs and concerns of all members of our community.

ROBERT C. LINDBERG '77
East Granby, Conn.

They've 'come out of the closeted aviary'

I would like to announce that my wife (Scripps '63) and I have entered into a *menage a trois* (you supply the accents; I took Spanish) with a well-known parakeet here in California.

I feel proud as a peacock that we can come out of the closeted aviary and invade the bedrooms of Middlebury alumni with this world-shaking news.

Any effort to expurgate or even slightly edit by your office or by the class secretaries will be met not only by our human supporters but by large members of the macaw family, relatives of our "trois," who will come to our defense in print, on these very pages.

It is of prime importance to our psyche that our sexual preference be made known especially since now it appears that Middlebury College is dead bent on changing our rather tried and true "College on the Hill" ambience to a more cosmopolitan, urbane and complicated institution ruled by ever increasing tiny conglomerates of distinctly minority opinions. The parallel to the '60s when the students ruled the campus is quite similar. And weren't those grand times for education!

If we all work real hard at changing Midd's image, I bet we can become another Bennington, Sarah Lawrence or Vassar in no time. Here's hoping.

We back fully the College's desire to be what it is not and never has been. We love it. We and the birds.

We do not demand that our choice of sexual partners be included in your "Marriages" column, but we do insist on a separate listing to include all of us who have chosen an alternative lifestyle. And if we don't get what we want by threats, we may just have to start a club on campus.

PAUL VAUGHN '57
Van Nuys, Calif.

On racism and admissions policies

Holley Daschbach's letter (Spring 1990) on Midd's policy on minorities was read with interest. However, her comments lead to further questions regarding the admissions policy. Specifically, in relation to how we evaluate and select candidates for admission to the new freshman class. These questions extend beyond race.

The matter of scholarships was briefly mentioned on page 11 of the Spring issue. It said 35 percent of the students receive aid averaging more than $11,000 per student, costing the College $8 million in 1990 alone. Meanwhile, the annual tuition has reached $20,300 and is virtually on a par with Harvard and other Ivy League schools. This is presented as typical of higher education in general and of little concern.

However, my concern is that soon only the very privileged will be able to attend Middlebury ... those with wealthy parents, and those who earn a scholarship. This is not an evil in and of itself, but it does lead one to ask how scholarships are awarded, and how applications are evaluated. It is my wish that Midd remains blind to race and religion. However, at the same time I hope enough attention is given to personal ability and financial need so that neither the cost of tuition nor the academic prowess of Midd's graduates suffer.

Daring to assume the administration has its finances well in hand, my attention turned to the basis for selecting candidates for the freshman class. In this regard, it bothered me when Ms. Daschbach commented on social advantage of applicants as rich, white and better prepared. Being rich and white certainly has its advantages, and hopefully Midd's admission policies can remedy those circumstances, but what is the implication of the words "better prepared"?

If we are to assume that social status creates higher board scores, then are we implying an academic double standard be used for evaluating applicants based on race? My hope is that we can solve any social inequities without lowering Midd's academic standards and without raising tuition. It would be sad if only the very rich or the disadvantaged minorities could afford an education at Midd.

Please explain the admissions policies of the school in future issues; it is of great interest.

JON YEROW '65
Cincinnati, Ohio

Where's the rationale for the Vietnam War?

I was impressed with the logic and sentiment in William Kane's letter to the editor in the Summer 1990 edition.

His criticisms were weak in only one area. He was unable to illustrate a credible rationale for the Vietnam War. On this point, unfortunately, his ability to fairly criticize those who fought against the war is compromised.

PETER C. ANDERSON '86
Windsor, Conn.

Negative letters show health of the College

Three cheers for my Alma Mater. In recent issues of the *Middlebury College Magazine*, I have read letters to the editor that castigated the College in general, its faculty and its administration. That the College's magazine has both a commitment to the free exchange of ideas and the courage to publish these critical letters suggests to me that Middlebury is a confident and above all healthy academic community. In short, Middlebury continues to be a college worthy of support.

Having offered congratulations to my College, I must say that I cannot do the same for all of my fellow graduates. Claude Roessiger '70 (Letters, Autumn 1990) apparently believes that wrapping his criticisms of the College in "big words" will disguise the essential crudity and banality of his opinions. An appreciation of the Western culture he so appallingly attempts to defend suggest to me that his true agenda is closer to book burning than what he has characterized as "uplifting learning."

WAYNE G. REILLY '57
Roanake, Va.

Polysyllabic words don't disguise vulgarity

Re the letter from Claude Roessiger '70 in the Autumn 1990 issue:

Translating four-letter Anglo-Saxon into polysyllabic Latin does not make it less distasteful to read.

Ideas that can stand on their own do not need the shock value of vulgarity to reinforce them.

LAURA CHAPMAN RICO '53
Los Banos, Calif.

Perhaps Middlebury should rescind degree

I was totally appalled at the venomous letter printed in the last issue of the magazine (Autumn '90) from Claude Roessiger '70. I can see why one of his obviously strongly conservative views should be disturbed by the liberality of some professors and students, but to attack the institution which "educated" him is ungracious to say the least, and stupid in the extreme.

If Mr. Roessiger felt so totally disillusioned with his alma mater, he could have used far more temperate language. His observations surely do no credit to what, if anything, he learned at the College, and certainly are not the mark of either a gentleman or a scholar. If he felt this unhappy when he graduated I am surprised he accepted his degree. Indeed, I should think he would return it whence it came (with appropriate remarks, naturally).

Were he a graduate of an English university college, he would be dealt with far more harshly. I believe it is still possible for an institution there to rescind a degree once granted, for disciplinary purposes; Middlebury might well take a cue from England. If Mr. Roessiger is as unhappy and intemperate as he seems to be, he is surely not a worthy representative of the College and he is better out than within its purview. Possibly then he would come to realize that Middlebury is not all that "derelict," and would come to at least a partial understanding of why it has so worldwide a favorable reputation in spite of of its near approach to "the cliff of idiocy." In addition to Middlebury disassociating itself from the venemous Mr. Roessiger, I suggest he take a course of treatment from a competent psychiatrist.

ROBERT F.W. MEADER '29
Valatie, N.Y.

Keep alcohol out of the board room

As an old 1954 graduate and former member of the South Road KDR gang, I was somewhat surprised and very disappointed to open my Autumn (1990) issue of the Midd magazine and find a bottle of champagne as a featured item just beneath Gamaliel Painter's treasured cane.

For the past few years, the College fathers have done everything in their power to dismantle the fraternity system, saying in part that it contributes to the substance abuse problem on campus. I agree that things were getting out of hand but tell me, what's the difference between two KDR boys toasting the Boston Red Sox championship with a couple of Buds and two college presidents toasting the future of Middlebury with champagne in the board of directors room? Poor taste fellows, mixed drinks lead to mixed messages. If you want to keep alcohol out of fraternities, then keep it out of the board room, also.

I don't want to see my College's future toasted with an alcoholic beverage.

WILLIAM B. SKIFF '54
Jericho, Vt.

Let's put an end to exclusionary groups

Reference is made to two letters in the Summer 1990 issue, one from John L. Buttolph III '64 entitled "Deke alumni beg to differ" and one from Dorothy Laux O'Brien '45, "Let's bring back the sororities."

I have lived for 10 years in England, which has institutionalized discriminatory practice on the grounds of race, age, sex and, of course, class. There is no Bill of Rights, let alone a written Constitution; it has refused to adopt as local law the EEC principles of human rights. Its own prime minister is excluded from membership of the most prestigious private clubs in the country because she is a woman. Observation of discriminatory practices in England moves me to write you.

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In connection with Ms. O'Brien's letter, my recollection differs from her own: Middlebury did not "abolish" sororities. My recollection is that in 1968-69 one of the sororities selected a candidate who was black. The mother chapter refused to confirm her membership and there was a vote of the members to close the chapter. The charters of other sororities required that for there to be a local chapter there had to be at least five national sororities on campus. The departure of the one sorority left four remaining. The result was a foregone conclusion.

In connection with Mr. Buttolph's letter, we are considering the right of organizations in the context of an academic institution to exclude from their membership fellow students solely on the basis of sex. How can the mention of "proud traditions" be appropriate in this context? Merely because a principle of exclusion has become a knee-jerk reaction, we must not call it "proud." What other achievements of a fraternity do not pale into invisibility beside this abridgement of human rights?

Finally, those who are "included" in "exclusionary" organizations should pause to consider the plight of those who are excluded, with the following quotation from Chief Justice Warren of the Supreme Court: "To separate them from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their [sex] generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone ..."

I have changed only one word in that quotation, but I don't think Chief Justice Warren would cavil. The quotation comes from *Brown v. Board of Education*. It is still the most eloquent expression of that Court's determination to end exclusionary practices on the basis of race.

Why not sex? And why not Middlebury?

HELEN W. ENGLISH '71
London, England

Another perspective on the DU incident

In the spring of 1988, an incident at the Delta Upsilon house caused the tumult that brought about changes throughout the entire fraternity structure at Middlebury College. While I would not argue that some change was necessary, most distressing are the impressions formed by those who were not witness to the actual event. From one who was there, I have never understood how it has not been explained in full, and has been printed in newspapers throughout the country alongside items such as a rape on a Florida campus.

Through unusual circumstances, I found myself a senior, at age 28, that spring. Having belonged to DU during my first round at Middlebury, I was not surprised at the activities that took place at my old house, as well as the other houses. The College had evolved during my absence, in some ways for the better, but also in ways that had become aberrations of what once was. One of them was fraternities, and in particular the annual toga party held each spring at DU.

I witnessed much during the time span from the fall of 1978 as a freshman, through the spring of 1988. During my first year, the original Coffrin Committee report was made public, recommending the revocation of dining privileges for fraternities, and the purchase and subsequent renovation of the fraternities by the College. In addition, I and some friends whose parents were DKE's tried to garner momentum to restart the house at Middlebury. This idea was met with some coolness by the College, little headway was made, and the effort soon abandoned.

As a senior, I observed the pressure by the faculty, various committees and groups, and seemingly the College itself, to dispose of fraternities once and for all, mirroring the current popular notion that fraternities served little purpose in an environment that fostered academic excellence. In retrospect, the stage had been set for some time; all that was needed was a catalyst.

During my stay, I found it interesting relating to students, some of whom were in third grade when I was a freshman. Overall, there was genuine interest in the school and life at Middlebury. Many of the gripes were similar to those voiced eight years previously. Most amazing was the incredible growth in fraternity membership, and the fact that so many women now joined and attended fraternity functions. Gone were the "blue cards" that allowed one fraternity member to go to another fraternity party without charge. Instead, there seemed to be one massive group moving from one house to the other as soon as the beer ran out.

Along with increased numbers of members, I was amazed by the amount of alcohol present at fraternity parties, and the frequency. One senior member of DU told me that there had been a party every Saturday night since he had been a freshman. Ten years ago, DU would have two or three major parties, with smaller gatherings dispersed throughout the year. This was approximately what happened at the other houses; we could not afford to have more. Middlebury has always strived to provide non-alcohol related activities. However, it seemed that the only attractive social outlet was fraternities, due to the rise in the drinking age, and the passing into memory of the beloved Rosebud, Alibi (nickel beers!) and other establishments.

The toga party had always been a big event, ever since it had been rekindled during my junior year; much of it due to the release of the move *Animal House*. Upon my return to Middlebury, quite a bit of talk was of the upcoming toga party in the spring. It was one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year. The toga party, I found, had become an all day, enormously well attended affair, with kegs running constantly, and eagerly joined by both men and women.

Wonderful spring weather greeted the day of the toga party. People seemed to be enjoying the festive occasion, and while excited, were in control, having a good time dressed in their togas, and watching the annual "air band" contest. One of the acts was a group of young women who wore trench coats, and then revealed lingerie and garter belts underneath as they danced and cavorted to the song "I Want Your Sex." No one took it seriously; and that is the whole point.

I did see the now infamous mannequin dangling from the balcony. It has been called everything from a mutilated torso to a bloody affront to women. Actually, it was the headless, armless, legless cracked remains of what was a mannequin, spray painted with red paint to simulate a woman's breasts and with an admittedly tasteless remark. There was no symbolic blood; the paint ran. This was an act of an individual who came forth later, issued an open apology, and stated that it was his responsibility and not an act of the fraternity itself.

The party that day was attended or visited by students, friends, faculty, campus security and others. As far as was determined later, not one person had requested that the mannequin be removed during the course of the day and night of the party. Nor did it receive much attention during the following day, Sunday. Throughout the campus, there was talk of the party, impending exams, and graduation. There was no mention of the offensive mannequin. This is not to say that the mannequin was acceptable. All I am pointing out is that at the time, there was little reaction.

Dean Erica Wonnacott entered the house Sunday evening, and asked that the mannequin be removed. Not realizing that the mannequin was still there, I immediately disposed of it. To say that it hung for "days" as a symbol of violence against women is simply untrue.

The next day, Monday, I stopped by Old Chapel for a visit with Dean Wonnacott. She showed me pictures taken during the party. There were very few of people enjoying themselves, and many of people acting in less than responsible ways. In fact, it had been a very uneventful party, with little damage to the house save for a broken window. Dean Wonnacott indicated that a group of women had been in that morning, were very upset about the mannequin and that there would probably be trouble for DU. In a rapid groundswell, the whole campus was suddenly aroar with an incident that had received no reaction the day before.

My question: If some people were that upset, why did no one ask to have the mannequin removed? Did they feel threatened? If so, what prevented them from asking a friend who knew a member of DU? I firmly believe that if anyone — students, friends, campus security, or faculty — had complained before Dean Wonnacott's request, it would have been taken down. Perhaps a little common sense would have gone a long way in resolving this situation, before it snowballed into the dramatic and embarrassing story it has become.

As the spring ended and I returned home, many friends asked me about the incident, telling me how they had read about it in the newspapers, and how bad it must have been. In additon, I read or heard of various other descriptions. I attempted to be objective in my

JACQUELINE BELDEN '91

Members of the Student Alumni Association take part in the inaugural parade, with a banner that says, 'Let there be Light.'

own telling, and expressed the feelings and concerns of both sides. Once informed, most people have been less than satisfied that this should have been the actual event to have wrought the sweeping changes in the Middlebury fraternity system.

Changes were inevitable, given the way that the fraternities were mutating into something other than what the Greek system intended. The alumni who complain that the school is taking over "their fraternity" would probably be surprised at what their fraternity has become. This is not to say that the school has the right to forge, mold and churn the student body into one homogeneous mass. It is the creative and individual atmosphere of Middlebury that is one of its strengths; to allow students with fresh ideas to pursue them and to follow the course of learning. Fraternities have been, and can continue to be, a positive element at Middlebury. However, all students, be they fraternity members or not, need to raise their level of social awareness, not just to the members of the opposite sex, but to each other and the surroundings in which they live.

Let us be done with these changes. The ability to adapt to change is one of the determinants of success for an individual, and an institution. Has it really been worth all of the controversy, anger and embarrassment? Middlebury offers so much to its men and women. It is time to put this incident behind us, not without learning from its lessons, and revel in the social and academic riches that Middlebury College has to offer to so many.

BARRY J. McPHERSON '88
Concord, Mass.

Shouldn't interpreters be mentioned, too?

When I received the Spring 1990 issue of the magazine, I was disappointed (but not surprised!) to see that, as usual, the interpreter is not considered important enough to mention — the woman (on page 24) insuring that President Robison and and the Rev. Giorgi Vins understood each other is me, using my recently (at that time) earned degree in Russian. The other man was a friend of Vins', a Soviet Volga German who emigrated to West Germany several years before Vins' release, and who came to help him adjust to the West. Beth Ackerman '79 shared interpreter duties with me that summer.

SHARON MUSSOMELI '78
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Editor's note: Our apologies to Sharon for not identifying her in the photo caption.

Update from Student Alumni Association

Greetings, Middlebury College alumni, from the Student Alumni Association. We're looking forward to a great year, and to increased communication with you. With innovative leadership from our new president, Sara Garcia '92, and our advisor, Delilah Poupore '89, the SAA hopes to form stronger ties with the alumni.

We have SAA members from all over the country and abroad. So don't be surprised if some of these members get in touch with you at different points during the year.

Although the year has just begun, the SAA has already been very busy, helping out with Parents Weekends and the Homecoming Weekend inauguration of President Timothy Light, and getting involved in the annual fall phonathons.

Our goal this year is to involve SAA members in hometown alumni functions. We will be sending out letters to alumni in our hometowns with information about ourselves. If you would like us to meet with prospective Middlebury students over the Christmas vacation, or if you want us to come to one your Middlebury social functions, we would be only too happy to oblige.

It was exciting for several SAA members to get to know many of you at the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf this fall. It has given us perspective on the fact that there is life after Midd. We want to start spreading the idea to our classmates now: that even after we graduate, we will always have something great in common. If you have any ideas or questions, you can contact us through Delilah Poupore in the Alumni Office, Forest Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753. We'll let you know how our big plans for the year turned out in a later issue. Stay tuned.

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Money matters: Taking a long look at resources

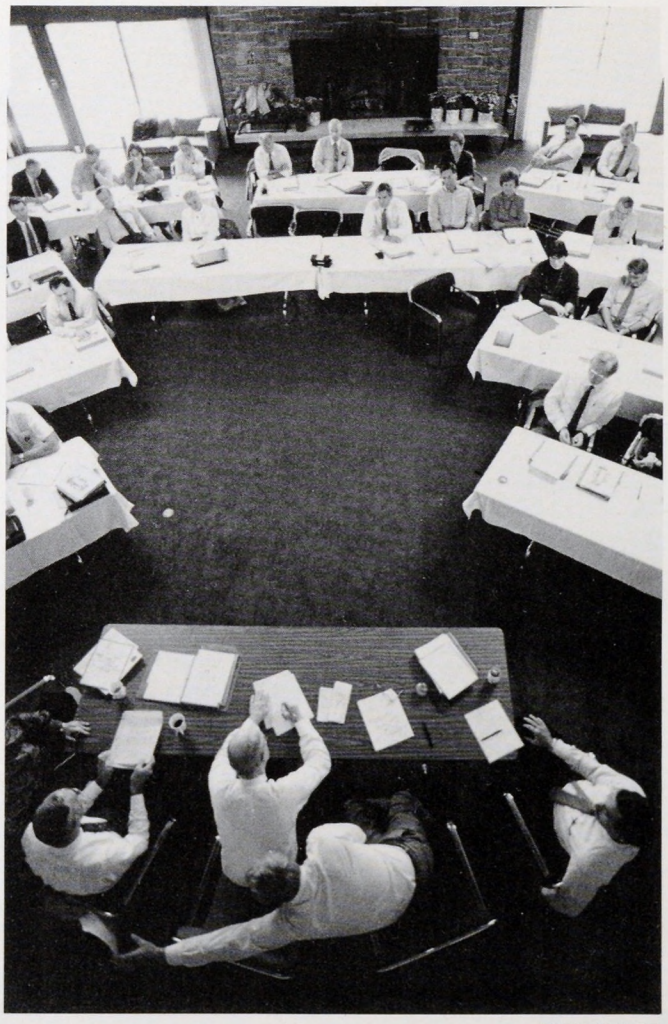
Over the past few years — not coincidentally the years of the Campaign for Middlebury — Middlebury College's budget has risen dramatically, outstripping inflation by several percentage points — whether you measure inflation with the Consumer Price Index, or the more college-specific Higher Education Price Index.

These budget increases have been due in part to inflation, but more significantly result from decisions the College has made to spend money on projects and initiatives it considers important. Now, caught between the rock of rising costs and the hard place of rising comprehensive fees, Middlebury, like many other colleges and universities, faces the need to make difficult decisions.

It was against this backdrop that the College's new president, Timothy Light, took office this summer. And even before he'd officially become president, he'd requested two special sessions of the board of trustees — one, which took place this fall, on the College's resources; and another, to take place this spring, on issues and directions in higher education. It's his hope that these two sessions will result in shared perceptions of Middlebury's assets and liabilities, its challenges and the possible solutions, that will lead to a plan for the 1990's, to be presented by next fall.

The session on finances — all 13 hours of it, October 11 and 12 at the Kirk Alumni Center — included nearly all of the College's trustees, the president, the senior staff of the College, and six elected faculty representatives, all members of the Faculty Council.

Allan Dragone '50, a trustee and former chairman of the board, got the session started with a presentation on where Middlebury is today versus where it was a few years ago. He opened by saying that the College is in great shape, pointing out that the goals Middlebury had set for itself back in early 1980's, when planning was under way for the Campaign for Middlebury, had nearly all been reached. The College now has a larger faculty, and pays that faculty better. The student/teacher ratio has been improved, and teaching loads in many departments have been reduced. Capital improvements include a new computer center, a new dormitory, improved athletic facilities, and a new student center and arts building now under construction. The College has been able to institute and maintain a need-blind admissions policy, pledging to meet the demonstrated need of any student who is accepted.



Trustees, faculty and senior staff gathered at the Kirk Alumni Center in October for a two-day session on the College's finances.

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All the improvements, of course, have come at a cost. "We were in a hurry to correct a lot of shortcomings," Dragone said, and the College has made and is making about $50 million in capital improvements.

Dragone said that all the projects and initiatives were and are good ideas, things that Middlebury really had to do. "But it's obvious that we need a different plan for the future," he said. "We need to know where we stand so that we can agree on our goals and priorities. We can no longer afford to do everything.

"I'll repeat: The College is in great shape. That's really my message. And you'll probably hear it several times over the next two days."

President Light then talked about the goals of the two-day session: to acquaint the participants with the financial history, current condition and future prospects of the College, and with the patterns of income and expense; to establish realistic ranges for income and capital over the next decade; to foster better understanding of the links among the various facets of the budget, none of which can be taken up in isolation; to lay the groundwork for fulfilling our responsibility to our successors, leaving them resource base equivalent to what was bequeathed to us; and to establish a common ground for future planning and key decisions.

President Light told the participants that in his view, "Ideology is the enemy. Fixed positions on higher spending, lower fees, or whatever, are of no help." He said he hoped that those who took part in the session would leave with a commitment to planning and decision making "that is based on shared knowledge, and on a recognition of the links among our resources."

The meat of the two-days was a series of presentations by trustees and College staff on Middlebury's resources. David Ginevan, treasurer and vice president for administration, was first up. He described a College that has:

- An endowment of $228 million (as of June 30, 1990), which will generate about $8.67 million in useable income this year (the trustee's self-imposed rule is to spend no more than 5 percent of the market value of the endowment — actually, the average market value for the past 12 quarters — and the College usually spends quite a bit less).
- An annual budget of about $71 million.
- $44.5 million in debt (including a $40 million bond for capital improvements) which costs $3.5 million each year to service.
- Gross student fee income of about $47.2 million (the number of undergraduates times the Comprehensive Fee, plus fees paid by Language Schools students), from which is subtracted close to $10 million in financial aid support.

Ginevan also pointed out the percentages of the various revenue components. For 1989-90, student fees amounted to 67.26 percent; endowment income was 11.48 percent; gifts and grants were 8.63 percent; and the rest came from "other sources," including such College operations as the Book Store, the Snow Bowl and the Golf Course.

He said that student fees have been declining as a percentage of total revenues — a few years back, they were close to 75 percent of the total — because of decisions to change the composition of the student body. "We decided that we had too many people paying the full sticker price," Ginevan said, "and that we wanted more diversity." The quest for that diversity has been successful, particularly in the last few years. The not-unexpected consequence: increased financial aid costs.

$2 million bequest will set up The Fletcher Fund for the Future

During the two-day session on resources in October, President Light announced that the College had received one of the largest gifts in its history, a $2 million bequest from the estate of Paris Fletcher '24, an emeritus trustee and long one of Middlebury's most generous benefactors, who died in the fall of 1989 at the age of 86.

"I am thrilled and overwhelmed by learning of so generous a gift in my first months here at the College," President Light said. "Paris Fletcher and his wife Marion have been extraordinary in their dedication to this institution, which already is honored to include the Fletcher Field House and the Fletcher Chair in the Arts."

President Light said that the bequest would be used to establish the Fletcher Fund for the Future, an endowment fund that would be "designated to specific purposes for the decade of the '90s, and beyond, as a part of the planning process that the College has recently launched ... The generous bequest of Mr. Fletcher will become the basis of a fund whose hallmark will be prudence and planning. As Paris and Marion Fletcher helped lay the groundwork for the College's currently favorable financial condition, it is our hope that, through this gift, we will lay the groundwork for a strong future with clear and achievable goals."

Jane Bryant Quinn '60, a Middlebury trustee whose columns on personal finance appear in hundreds of newspapers and in *Newsweek,* then talked about student fees, particularly the consequences of economic and demographic changes on this source of revenue, and the consequences of decisions on the size of the comprehensive fee.

Quinn, like those before her, said that Middlebury is in good shape: It continues to have a large pool of quality applicants from which to choose, and many of those applicants are able to pay the cost of their education. But she pointed out that this year's drop in applications (about 15 percent) presages a national downturn in the number of college age kids. "The baby bust is upon us," she said, with forecasts pointing to a 4 percent decline nationally in the 18-20 year old age group, and an even steeper decline in the Northeast.

And with the nation grinding toward what appears to be a serious recession, the ability of students and their parents to pay for college is declining. Consumer debt is at an all time high, and even when the recession is over, consumers will likely have lower buying power — along with plenty of debt. The baby boom parents, she says, had kids when they were older, and will be retiring when their kids are still relatively young. "They're used to borrowing for everything," Quinn said, "but they're finding out they can't borrow for retirement."

Add to that flat or declining federal financial aid contributions, and you have a formula for ever-increasing college contributions to financial aid.

All of the above factors are leading to what Quinn called "the big melt," in which some students are deciding against the prestigious — and expensive — liberal arts colleges in favor of the so-called "public Ivies," or "flagship" state schools, schools such as the University of Vermont, the University of Michigan and the University of California at Berkeley. These schools are perceived as offering quality educations at much lower prices, particularly for in-state students.

What does it all mean for Middlebury? Quinn suggested that these trends make it imperative that Middlebury emphasize value — that the quality of a Middlebury education makes it a good investment. Middlebury "needs to be one of the *very* top schools, which it is," to convince students and their families that it's "worth the sacrifice."

"The parents of the '80s took whatever was thrown at them," Quinn said. "Now they're saying it's not fair."

Dort Cameron '67, also a trustee and head of his own financial management firm, talked about the College's endowment, calling it an insurance policy, a way to "smooth things over" when the College encounters rough times. "And as you expand what you have to insure," he said, "you need more insurance." That makes it important to get the greatest possible return on the College's investment, he said, to allow Middlebury to "maintain the vitality of this place forever." That, he said, is the chief fiduciary responsibility of the College's board of trustees, and its finance committee.

Cameron said, though, that Middlebury's "most important investment is who we let in," calling the College's students its "venture capital investments."

Mike Schoenfeld '73, director of development, talked about gifts and grants, delineating the two major kinds of gifts: "unrestricted" (what most people think of as "Annual Giving"; money that can be used for any purpose the College chooses; gifts that tend to be under $1,000); and "restricted" ("capital" or "special project" giving; to be used only for a purpose specified by the donor; these gifts tend to be $1,000 or more). About 85 percent of the gifts Middlebury receives are restricted in some way.

Schoenfeld said that when it comes to restricted gifts, all dollars are not equal. For example, he said, take someone who gives $4,000 and designates it for scholarship aid. "We need money for scholarships," Schoenfeld said, "so that's an easy one." Then there are gifts to the endowment, which you can't spend; in fact, you can spend only a fraction of the income that gift produces. There are also deferred gifts, which are invested in the endowment, and pay income to the donor for a period of years, or for life, before the principal goes to the College. Another category of donations, called "incremental" gifts, are restricted for projects or initiatives that the College wouldn't otherwise have undertaken. At best, these gifts have no effect on the budget, in either direction. But they can sometimes involve cost-sharing by the College, and have far-reaching budget consequences — which makes it important to analyze the real costs of each gift.

Schoenfeld also pointed out some of the misconceptions that seemed to surround the recently-completed Campaign for Middlebury, which ended a year ago with

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Professor Rich Wolfson during the panel discussion on College resources, held on campus in October.

a total of more than $80 million. To see the true "capital" effect of the capital campaign, he said, you take the $80 million raised, and start subtracting: $13 million in outstanding pledges (money pledged to the Campaign but not yet in the College's hands), $7 million in government financial aid (already spent), $4.5 million in deferred gifts; and $26 million spent on operations during the five-year campaign. What you're left with is a $25 million increase in the endowment, and $4.5 million in gifts for building projects. "The misperception is that the Campaign created $80 million in capital," said Schoenfeld.

Schoenfeld said that overall growth during the Campaign had led to budget increases, which in turn have caused a dramatic increase in the need for expendable gifts and grants. Complicating the picture, he said, is the likely short-term drop in contributions, caused by both the economic downturn, which is particularly sharp in the Northeast, and the end of the Campaign for Middlebury. However, he said, if the College begins another capital fund drive sometime around 1995 — which now seems likely — leading up to the College's bicentennial year in 2000, this short-term decrease would be followed by several years of relatively rapid growth.

Trustee William Youngman then discussed the role of trustees in fundraising, both as donors and as those who solicit donations from others. He noted the importance of major gifts to the Campaign for Middlebury, pointing out that just 35 donors had been responsible for more than $40 million, or half of the Campaign total. And the 10 largest donors had contributed nearly $26 million, or 32 percent of the total.

Youngman said that most trustee giving is restricted for some purpose or other, and suggested that "if Middlebury is to maintain its financial flexibility, we need to cultivate more unrestricted major gifts," from trustees and others.

The next morning, the participants reconvened for a summary by the president, a discussion of the the comprehensive fee by Dave Ginevan, and a discussion session.

President Light said that the previous day's discussion had showed that the College was in good shape, but that if things kept going on the current trend lines, Middlebury would soon "begin to overspend and be less prosperous than we are now." The keys, he said, would be to control spending and pay careful attention to revenue sources, and the links among those sources. He said it was clear that "if we do anything drastic," in terms of cutbacks, "the net result will be to upset the wonderful position we've achieved." It was also clear, he said, that the comprehensive fee couldn't continue to increase at the levels it has in recent years, because "the market simply won't be there." The College could spend more of its endowment, he said, but can't push so far that it begins to draw it down. And while gift income can be increased, he said, with lots of hard work, history shows that there are rarely dramatic increases in this revenue source.

In his remarks on the comprehensive fee, David Ginevan said that the question facing Middlebury is how to maintain the quality and vitality of its faculty, staff, programs and facilities, while also maintaining the comprehensive fee at a level that allows "access to Middlebury for the students we want." He shared a chart that showed the comprehensive fee increasing at 4, 5 or 6 percent per year. Even at 4 percent (which is about what inflation has been averaging over the past five years), the fee would be close to $26,000 by the year 2000; at 6 percent, the fee would be nearly $35,000.

In the discussion that followed, trustees, faculty and staff seemed to agree that expenses needed to be controlled, and also agreed that if that's going to happen, it will require new approaches and creative thinking by all involved.

Rich Wolfson, a professor of physics and a Faculty Council member, talked of the need to build community. "Department chairs," he said, "when they're considering budgets, need to ask, 'Is this good for my department, *and* is it good for the College?' We need to foster an atmosphere that leads us to make decisions on that basis; we need to work for the larger community, not just our little pieces of it."

Victor Nuovo, another Faculty Council member and a professor of philosophy, said he was encouraged by the sharing of information. "This is my 29th year at Middlebury, and I've never been more hopeful," he said. As a member of the faculty, he said, this was "the first time I've seen the whole picture, and I appreciate that. I think it will help all of us make responsible decisions."

Milt Peterson, the chairman of the board, said that "we should be grateful for where we are, and for the people of vision who came before us. We need to have vision and understanding, and it's helped me to see and hear what we have yesterday and today." He said it appeared clear that "we can't keep doing things in the '90s that we did in the '80s. We had to do those things, but now we have to make some changes. We need understanding, and then we need to have confidence in one another, to move on, to do what we need to do, together."

President Light wrapped up the session with an acknowledgement of the role he would need to play in developing consensus and moving Middlebury forward. He said one of his favorite definitions of a leader's role involved just two tasks. "The first," he said, "is to define reality. Over the past two days, we've been defining reality at Middlebury College. Not all of it, but a piece of it. And our discussion of national issues this spring will take us farther toward that definition.

"The second task of a leader is to say thank you. And I say thank you very much. I'm grateful to all of you."

— Tim Etchells

Search is on for new dean of admissions

Fred Neuberger '50, who has been at Middlebury College for 35 years, most of them as director and then dean of admissions, announced last spring that he would step down at the end of this academic year.

We'll have more on Fred and his long career at Middlebury in the Spring issue, but you should know that if you have a suggestion for the person who should succeed him as dean of admissions, now is the time to let the College know.

A national search is under way for a new dean, headed by Dean of the College John Emerson. Advertisements have appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Black Issues in Higher Education*, and letters have gone out to nearly 100 admissions officers at other colleges and universities seeking their help.

According to Emerson, the

eight-member search committee, made up of faculty, staff and alumni, held its first meeting on November 15, planned to begin reviewing applications on December 1, and would consider applications until the position is filled.

If you would like to be part of the process, write to Dean John Emerson, Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Admissions, Old Chapel, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

House rules: College may require 1/3 women by '92

There was progress this fall on the effort to rebuild Middlebury's fraternities into a coeducational social and residential system. But whether all of the current fraternities are going to be a part of that process remains to be seen.

Since last winter, when the board of trustees mandated that the fraternities become coeducational by December 31, 1990, or close their doors, perhaps the most important question has been: How do you start getting women involved in fraternities?

Since the trustee decision, groups have been meeting on campus to deal with the question. And some of the answers came out at a meeting on November 15, at which members the Committee to Restructure the House System reported on their deliberations.

The committee, appointed by the Community Council and chaired by Karl Lindholm '67, dean of students, recently issued a report that makes recommendations to the Community Council on how to handle the transition from all-male fraternities to co-ed houses. The committee calls on each fraternity, or house, to:

1. Have women make up one-third of the total membership by the fall of 1992, and one-third of the residential members by the fall of 1991. And from now on, one-third of each pledge class must be women, and women must be represented in major house offices.

2. Have a three-member advisory board, with at least one member from Middlebury's faculty.

3. After this year, in which both fall and spring pledging will be allowed, confine pledge activities to the fall term, before Thanksgiving. All pledge, rush and initiation events must be non-alcoholic, and be free of "hazing." In addition, initiation events should be attended by at least one member of the advisory board.

The committee had wrestled with but not resolved the issue of how the College would deal with off-campus fraternities, if any of the current fraternities decided not to comply with the trustees' mandate and move their operations off campus. The report noted that Colby College had adopted a tough stance, suspending or expelling students who joined off-campus fraternities, while Amherst had simply come up with rules that said no college resources of any kind could be involved in off-campus fraternities.

Several committee members, along with members of the Community Council and the Student Government Association, presented the findings of the committee and discussed them with students in Upper Proctor on November 15.

Of the about 150 students who were in the audience, most were fraternity members, and maybe a dozen were women. And of the students who spoke, the large majority were not pleased with the report. Several students felt the one-third "quotas" were unfair, and would be difficult to reach.

Dean Lindholm pointed out that the houses had two years to reach the goals, and that as far as the residential goal was concerned, the largest fraternity had just 24 beds. "One-third of 24 strikes me as not that difficult a number," he said. And, he said, you have to start somewhere. For 10 years, he said, the fraternities have been theoretically open to all students, men and women. But as of last spring, there were only two women members of any of the College's six surviving frats.

So some kind of target had to be set up, Lindholm said. "Nobody said it would be easy, but I think these numbers can be reached," he said, "so let's go for it."

With a couple of exceptions, the news from the individual houses on their efforts to comply with the trustees' mandate has been encouraging — if you're in favor of the mandate.

Here's a quick rundown of where things stood this fall:

• KDR, which was the only fraternity that had women members (two) before the trustees acted, had three members as the fall term began and about 10 more were going through the pledge process. KDR anticipated that 13 of its 40 members would be women at the end of the term. KDR is still associated with its national, and still hoping that it will be allowed to remain affiliated despite the national's stand against women members.

• Sig Ep had about 26 women members. Sixteen women rushed last year, and another 10 were going through rush this fall. There are about 40 men in the house, which severed its ties with its national last year.

• Of the 23 DU pledges this fall, six were women, and DU President Pete Benedict '91 told *The Campus* that the house hoped to have 50 percent women in future pledge classes.

• Zeta Psi planned to give up its national affiliation, and about half of its 35-student pledge class this fall were women. Still, according to the house president, Amar Ranawat '91, the house is considering the option of moving off campus, depending on what rules the College adopts regarding off-campus frats.

• Both Chi Psi and DKE appear to be against accepting women as members, or breaking their ties with their national fraternities. Chi Psi, according to President Rich Cochran '91, is keeping its options open until it hears something definitive from the College on the off-campus fraternity issue. "If there is some way we can operate off-campus, we will," Cochran told *The Campus*. "Otherwise, we'll move toward conforming with the trustees' mandate."

As for DKE, the only frat house that is not residential, and the only house not owned by the College, this fall's pledge class was all male. Dean Lindholm said that his committee had decided that DKE, while a non-residential house, would "have to play by the same rules," so the one-third membership guideline would apply.

So, with the December 31 deadline just ahead, questions lingered. Would the College allow students to be members of off-campus fraternities? Would Chi Psi go off campus if they could? Is the DKE house and the land it sits on, which are owned by the DKE Alumni Association, on campus, or off?

About all we can say is, stay tuned. We'll be back with more in the Spring issue.

—Tim Etchells

Two students injured, one jailed after stabbing incident in dorm

Two Middlebury students were injured and a third was arrested and charged with aggravated assault following an incident in a student residence hall on September 28.

The incident involved a junior male student, who allegedly attacked two other students: a sophomore female, who was treated for superficial cuts at Porter Hospital in Middlebury and released; and a freshman male, who was treated at Porter for stab wounds and held overnight for observation.

The junior male turned himself in to campus authorities following the incident. He was arraigned in Middlebury District Court on two counts of aggravated assault. Bail was originally set at $20,000, and he was held at the Rutland Correctional Facility for a week before seeking and receiving a bail reduction. He was then released on bail. He has withdrawn from school and returned home. His trial is pending.

The incident was reported at about 3 a.m. by a student in a nearby room, and College security officers and town police officers responded, with the College officers, one of whom was an emergency medical technician, providing first aid and transporting the injured students to Porter Hospital.

According to Dean of Students Karl Lindholm '67, "All three students knew one another. The attack was not a sexual assault, nor were drugs and alcohol involved in any way. It was entirely related to personal relationships among the individuals."

Cultural literacy meets multi-culturalism in talk by Hirsch

The movement for cultural literacy — which seeks to have a shared body of knowledge taught in all the nation's schools — and multi-culturalism — which calls for the inclusion of all cultures in the educational process — met head on this fall at Middlebury when E.D. Hirsch came to town.

Hirsch is the English professor from the University of Virginia whose books, *Cultural Literacy* and *The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*, hit the best-seller lists and stirred so much debate in the educational establishment. Hirsch was in Middlebury to give the Robert W. Van de Velde '75 Lecture, and to take part in a panel discussion with local educators, all part of this year's Inaugural Lecture Series.

Hirsch, who now heads the Cultural Literacy Foundation, an organization devoted to pushing the idea of a shared core curriculum for American elementary schools, talked about how his view of cultural literacy can coexist with another concept now in vogue on American campuses, multi-culturalism.

For openers, Hirsch briefly described his foundation's work in developing core standards for kids in grades 1-6, designed to give all students a common core of knowledge, to better prepare students for high school and beyond. In the past, Hirsch said, "Elementary schools have not imparted the knowledge students need for further learning." And that has helped make the American educational system among the least fair in the developed world.

Fairness, in fact, is what Hirsch said was his "motivation for entering the quagmire of educational politics." He believes that a core curriculum like the one his foundation is proposing is the essential first step to fairness, and excellence, in elementary education. He outlined several reasons:

1. Shared knowledge makes schooling more effective for everybody. It's clear that one-on-one teaching is the most effective, Hirsch said, because the teacher knows exactly what the student knows. In large classes, this isn't possible, but if teachers know that their students have studied a core curriculum, they will be better able to approach each student.

2. Shared knowledge makes schooling fairer. All children get a chance to fulfill their potentials in later years, Hirsch said.

3. In our increasingly mobile society, many children move from school to school. If there were core standards, these students would be on a more equal footing than in our current system.

4. A core of knowledge motivates everybody, because it sets up definite standards. It increases accountability, because there are clearly-defined learning goals. The attainment of these goals, Hirsch said, is expected, demanded and, when achieved, of course, praised.

A core of knowledge, Hirsch said, would help create solidarity and cooperation in the schools. Diverse cultures, he said, would be honored and understood. "A school-based culture," he said, "would be common to and welcoming to all, and would provide common ground for viewing our uncommon diversity."

The obvious question is, Who decides what's in the core curriculum? Hirsch said that one may feel, after hearing that question, that the idea of a core is better left alone; it can seem impossible to ever reach agreement. But he pointed out that in a conference in March of this year, educators from all over the country — teachers, scientists, principals, school superintendents — had agreed on a core. "At first there was lots of contention," he said, "but then a spirit of conciliation." So who decides? "The people will decide," Hirsch answered.

Hirsch said that the proposed core curriculum would actually account for no more than half of each school's curriculum, and it would be up to the individual schools to decide how the core was taught, and what the other 50 percent, or more, of the curriculum contained.

The agreed-upon core includes multi-culturalism, he said, as recommended by his foundation's multi-cultural committee. He feels that there are really two versions of multi-culturalism, what he called universalism and particularism, and that the two are polar opposites. Particularists hold that race or ethnicity defines the essence of people, while universalists feel that these factors are "accidental garments that people wear over their shared humanity."

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***E.D. Hirsch, the author of* The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy.**

He believes universalism is the more valid form of multi-culturalism. He said that the multi-cultural movement is "a very American phenomena," with its roots in a demand for a redefinition of American culture and education. This redefinition, he said, is welcome and overdue, "but I feel it pales next to the need for educational improvement and fairness." He believes that it isn't necessary to choose between cultural diversity and fairness in education, "but if we have to choose between particularism and fairness, let us by all means choose fairness." The country's educational system, he said, "must invite minority students to become part of the educational and cultural mainstream."

In a panel discussion the next day, Hirsch's contentions were challenged by several educators from the Middlebury area. John Norman, the College's director of academic support, said that he doubted the country's ability to reach a consensus on a core curriculum. "Cultural diversity is the greatest strength of our country," he said, "but the Achilles' heel in reaching consensus." He suggested, too, that perhaps Hirsch should try a new term, "multi-cultural literacy," to show that cultural literacy and multi-culturalism are not mutually exclusive.

Kathy Martin '91, too, felt that any core of knowledge should be contained in a "multi-cultural core curriculum." She also feared the effects of "acculturation" on members of minority groups, feeling that in a school-based culture dominated by a core curriculum, these groups would lose touch with their roots and their ethnic or racial identities.

Bill Jesdale, a local school superintendent, said he would be pleased if all the graduates of his high school knew all 5,000 items on the list contained in Hirsch's *Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*. But he said that in his mind, it was more important to make sure that students were successful learners, and had the resources to find answers for themselves.

Anne Ginevan, chairman of the Middlebury Union High School board, felt it was important to respect the individuality of each person, something she feared might be lost in a system that required a core of knowledge. "Being exposed to the same knowledge," she said, "doesn't mean that all students will end up at the same place after sixth grade." She also said that "shared knowledge would be great, but what knowledge?" Local control, she suggested, would have to be an essen-

tial part of any core curriculum.

Peggy Nelson, a sociology professor at Middlebury who specializes in the sociology of education, said that based on a reading of *The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*, she feared that women and women's issues would not receive their due in a core curriculum.

In response, Hirsch said that what he was hearing from all the panelists was that "it would be fine to have a core curriculum, *but* ..." He pointed out that what he was advocating was not a strict core curriculum, but core standards — minimums that children should know, and should feel cheated if they don't. He said, too, that it was his feeling that core standards would not only be accepted by the public, but *eagerly* accepted.

He said he planned to adopt Norman and Martin's suggestion that he use "multi-cultural literacy," and wished he had used the term from the start. He said, too, that he was well aware of women's issues, and had two feminist advisors on his foundation's board.

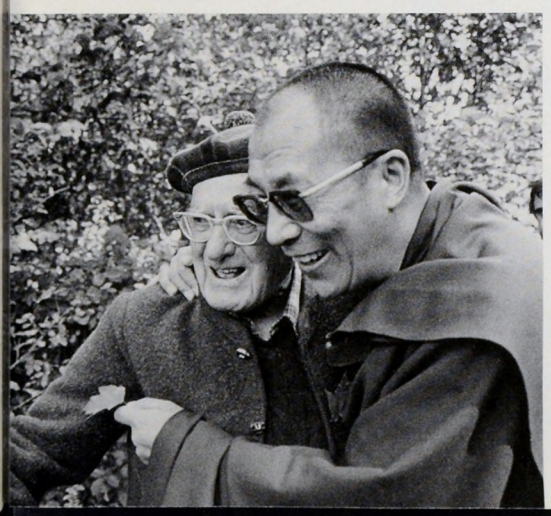
As to Kathy Martin's question about acculturation, he said that there is no question that "when it occurs, something is lost, and it would be dishonest for someone calling for a school-based culture to say that doesn't happen. But one hopes that one can make compromises on that issue, so that the cost is as little as possible."

Hirsch admitted he doesn't have all the answers. "You say, 'A core won't solve all of our problems,' and I completely agree. I'm not saying that a core curriculum or core standards will solve all of our problems. By itself, it won't produce a first-rate educational system.

"But if we don't do it, we won't get a first-rate educational system. — *Tim Etchells*

Faculty Notes

Andrea Olsen (dance) performed and taught at the Theatre School in Amsterdam last spring. She was also a panelist and guest teacher at the American College Dance Festival hosted by the Five College Dance Department in February, and gave readings from her new book, *Bodystories, A Guide to Experiential Anatomy*, as part of the Abernethy lecture series at Middlebury, at Smith College and in Amsterdam. The book will be published by Station Hill Press this spring. ...**Tom Root** (biology) wrote a chapter, "Neurobiology," for a book titled *The Biology of Scorpions* (Stanford University Press, 1990). Along with Holly Marcum '90, he gave a paper, "Pheromonal communication in the scorpion," at a meeting of the Animal Behavior Society in June. In April, Root hosted the Northeast Consortium of Medical Educators at Bread Loaf. ...**Travis Jacobs** (history) was involved in several events celebrating the centennial of Dwight D. Eisenhower this October. He was a guest speaker at a program of reminiscence and celebration of Eisenhower's presidency of Columbia University, held at Columbia; he delivered a paper on "Eisenhower at Columbia" at a conference, "Ike's America," sponsored by the University of Kansas; and he delivered a paper, "Eisenhower, the American Assembly and 1952," at Gettysburg College's "The Eisenhower Legacy: A Centennial Symposium." That session was televised on C-SPAN. ...**Kirsten Powell** (art) delivered a talk at the Neuberger Museum on "Daumier, Fables and Feminists," in conjunction with the opening there of "Femmes d'Esprit: Women in Daumier's Caricature." She also read a paper, "Gauguin and La Fontaine: Framing 'La Cigale et la fourmi,' " at the Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium at the University of Oklahoma. ...The University of South Carolina Press has issued, as part of its "Southern Classics" series, a new edition of Jesse Carpenter's *The South as a Conscious Minority*, for which **John McCardell** (history) wrote the introduction. ...**Dan Nolle** (economics) was appointed in August by Gov. Madeleine Kunin to Vermont's Export Advisory Council. He was also chosen as one of three delegates to represent Vermont at the second annual New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers Roundtable on International Trade, held in September in Hartford, Conn. And on September 6, Nolle gave a presentation in Lenox, Mass., to the New England Association of Regional Councils on "The Free Trade Agreement and New England-Canada Trade."... **Nick Clifford** (history) has written an article, "A Revolution is not a Tea Party: The Shanghai Mind(s) Reconsidered," which was to appear in the November issue of *Pacific Historical Review*. A book by **John Bertolini** (English), *The Playwrighting Self of Bernard Shaw*, has been published by Southern Illinois University Press. ...**Gary Margolis** (English; Counseling and Human Relations) spoke this fall at the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Mass., on the transition to college, and alcohol and other drug issues for adolescence. New poems by Margolis have appeared in *College English, The Three Rivers Review* and *The Crazyhorse Anthology*. ...**Catherine Sokil** (economics) was selected to be a working group member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hungarian Economic Reform, a task force of Western and Hungarian economists, businesspeople and entrepreneurs, whose purpose was to produce for the new Hungarian government an integrated economic plan for a transition to a market economy. The report of the commission, "Hungary in Transition to Freedom and Prosperity," was released in Budapest and Washington, D.C., in April. Also, Sokil was a Pew Faculty Fellow at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government this past summer, learning about the case method for use in teaching, particularly for her course this fall on economic transitions in Eastern Europe. She later traveled to Eastern Europe, meeting the faculty and doing research at the University of Economics and the International Management Center in Budapest. ...**Alicia Andreu** (Spanish) delivered a paper, "*Tristana*: El deseo y la produccion de la escritura," at a Purdue University Conference on Romance Languages, Literatures and Film, in October. In December, she was to deliver a paper, "Historia y literatura: Galdos y *La Vuelta al mundo al mundo de la Numancia*, at the Modern Language Association's annual convention in Chicago. ...**Nancy Beadie** (history) received the Eggertsen Dissertation Prize from the History of Education Society, for her dissertation, "Defining the Public: Congregation, Commerce and Social Economy in the Formation of the Educational System, 1790-1840." The prize is awarded every other year for the best dissertation written on the history of education during the previous two years. ...**Paul Sommers** (economics) has had several papers accepted for publication recently: "An Empirical Note on Salaries in Major League Baseball," *Social Science Quarterly*, December 1990; "Collusion in Major League Baseball: An Empirical Test," with Dan Durland '89, *Journal of Sport Behavior*; "Cleveland, Ohio: Still Under the Weather?" with Scott Harper '92, *Journal of Recreational Mathematics*, 1991; "Stamps of Approval, *JRM*, 1991; "Probably the Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived," *JRM*, 1991; "An Empirical Assessment of Presidential Veto Power," with Daniel Hanson '92 and Jonathan Parr '92, *JRM*, 1991; and "Hypothesis Tasting," with Amy Rau '91 and Cornelia Wise '91, in *JRM*, Vol. 22, No. 2, 1990.



Rabbi Victor Reichert dies at 93

Victor Emanuel Reichert, who spent his summers in the Ripton area for more than half a century, died peacefully at his home in Cincinnati on October 23. He was 93. A longtime friend of the poet Robert Frost, Rabbi Reichert was a spiritual leader of profoundly ecumenical temperament, as well as a poet and biblical scholar of distinction. (At left, he meets the Dalai Lama in Ripton, during the Dalai Lama's 1984 visit to Middlebury.) Rabbi Reichert received honorary doctorates from Middlebury College and from the University of Cincinnati, where he served as professor of Biblical literature. Reichert served for 35 years as rabbi of the Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati, retiring in 1962, when he became rabbi emeritus. A full obituary will appear in the Spring issue of the magazine.

Sports Update

Soccer team makes it to ECAC semifinals

The men's soccer team closed out a successful 11-4-1 season by making it to the semifinals of the ECAC Division III New England tournament, losing to Wesleyan University, 2-0.

Middlebury, in its first tournament appearance in three years, had trouble adjusting to the smaller Cardinal field and just never found the range despite some good scoring chances. In addition, Wesleyan, seeded second, just ahead of Middlebury, was a tough team with a solid 12-2-1 record.

In the quarterfinal match, the Panthers beat Southeastern Massachusetts University on a goal by senior Tom Murray with 2:30 left in the second overtime. SMU was undefeated in its last 11 starts and had a 13-2-3 record entering the game.

Coach David Saward, whose teams have six straight winning seasons and an Eastern title, said his squad made the playoffs as the third seed by playing solid soccer in the final half of the campaign. After losing a heartbreaker to Vermont in the final second of play, Middlebury was unbeaten, with eight wins and one tie, against Babson, then ranked No. 1 in New England and No. 3 in the country.

The Panthers lost the season opener to Colby, but then upset a good Williams team, 1-0. Middlebury had an off day in the next game at Union and dropped a one goal decision. The Panthers then beat Amherst and took Vermont to the wire before losing. With Midd eading 3-2 and no time left on the clock, the Cats banged in the tying, disputed goal and went on to win 6-3 in overtime.

In the nine games that followed, a solid defense was the key. The team had four shutouts and allowed just four goals in the nine games. Keeper David Findlay, who had six shutouts overall, was consistently tough in the nets.

The top scorers were Tony Claudino, with six goals and two assists, Mike Walker (four and two), Sean Hurley (four and one) and Mike Hart (four and one).

"We didn't have any one big gun on the team this year," said Saward. "Instead we had a number of players who stepped in to help out with the scoring. This group played well as a team against many of the best teams in New England."

Football team finishes with win over Norwich

The football team posted its first .500 season in three years by winning its final game, 13-11, over Norwich.

The win, Middlebury's second straight in the series, allowed the Panthers to retain the Wadsworth Trophy, which is presented to the winner annually in memory of former Norwich Commandant of Cadets John Wadsworth, whose sons attended both colleges.

Playing in a driving rain that later changed to snow, Middlebury fell behind 9-0. But Andy Hyland, making his first start at quarterback, got things rolling and hit tight end Greg Fisher with a 25-yard scoring pass in the second quarter.

Early in the third quarter, Hyland threw a 37-yard pass to split end Doug Clarner, who carried it the Norwich five yard line. On first and goal, Hyland carried it in to give his team what proved to be the winning edge.

The Cadets' final two points came midway through the final quarter when Middlebury was hemmed in on its own two and hesitated to kick because of the mud and snow. Hyland instead took an intentional safety to help preserve the victory.

The win helped ease the sting of three earlier losses, all late in the game, by a total of 16 points, to Bowdoin, Williams and Colby.

But perhaps the biggest story of the season was the number of injuries. "I don't ever remember having a year where we lost so many pivotal players," said coach Mickey Heinecken. "Had we stayed healthy I'm sure we could have had an even better year. However, we are continuing to show improvement. The arrow is pointing up hill for us."

Middlebury opened the season with a last-second loss to Bowdoin, then beat Amherst, 20-13, and Bates, 23-13, before running into Duane Ford '78 and his Tufts Jumbos. The Panthers lost the game, 29-3, and their starting quarterback, Pat Dyson, to a season-ending knee injury.

Sophomore quarterback Jordan Sullivan led the team to a 14-7 win over Hamilton, but then the Panthers lost their next two, to Williams and Colby, both games they could have won.

Hyland, who moved from fullback to quarterback for the Panthers in the Norwich game, finished the season as the team's leading rusher with two touchdowns and 475 yards on 108 carries. Brian Fenlon had four scores and 256 yards on 48 attempts, and Eric Sevigny had one touchdown and 175 yards on 50 attempts. Sullivan was the leading passer among the three quarterbacks, 12-29 for 200 yards. Dyson was 12-37 for 180 yards, and Hyland was 3-7 for 85 yards.

Sophomore tight end Greg Fisher was the leading receiver with 14 receptions for 229 yards and two scores. Freshman Doug Clarner caught six for 101 yards.

The team's defensive standouts all year were safety Brian Dalton, linebacker Hank McKnelly and tackle Sean Fitzsimmons.

With only five seniors on the team, the Panthers will have a young, but experienced, core of veterans back for next year.

Running back Brian Fenlon rushed for 256 yards and four touchdowns during the season.

CHIP MULLER

Field hockey plays in ECAC Division III tourney

The field hockey team upset the top-seeded team in the ECAC Division III New England tournament before being eliminated in the semifinals.

The team ended its season 9-6-1, with a 3-1 loss to Trinity College. Host Williams went on to win the title from Trinity the next day.

Middlebury came on strong at the end of the season to earn the eighth seed in the tourney, on the strength of wins over Bowdoin and Bates on the final weekend of regular play, and then beat top-seed Southeastern Massachusetts University in the opening round, on a goal by Sarah Ellwood.

In the Trinity game, Trinity led 1-0 for most of the game, which

coach Missy Hopkinson called one of the most exciting she has ever coached. The play was "extremely even and at a fast pace back and forth across the field. Although we had several good chances to score including a breakaway, their goalie was tough to score on." But with four minutes left, junior Mary Blanchard scored, forcing the game into overtime. However, Trinity was able to score twice in overtime to take the game.

Coach Hopkinson thought the team really matured and began playing well after a 2-1 overtime loss to Hamilton in mid-season. She said the Panthers should have won that game and felt that it became a growing experience.

Hopkinson said one of the keys to the team's success this season was the strong play of the defense, including senior Cassie Robbins and co-captains Becky Castle and Kathleen Murphy. Goalies Maureen Tansey and Kathy Kuykendall teamed up to be tough in the nets. The offense was improved over last year with good balance. Senior Deb Walton was the scoring leader with seven goals. Blanchard had five and four assists, and Robbins and Ellwood each had three goals.

Cross-country teams have banner seasons

The men's and women's cross-country teams capped great seasons at the NCAA Divison III qualifier at Southeastern Massachusetts University, with both teams placing in the top 10, and three runners qualifying for national competition.

Rob Pedersen, the Panther's top competitor all season, finished a solid third in a field of 173 runners to qualify for the national championships. Teammates and their finishes were Brian Schilling, 29th; Anthony Rojo, 49th; Adam Hersch, 72nd; Ben Speiss, 79th; Jim Nida, 95th, and Terry Kellogg, 149th. As a team, the Panthers finished eighth out of 30 teams. Colby College finished first.

Williams won the women's meet, but Middlebury had a strong fourth-place finish. Kristin Daly, in 13th, and Sarah Rabinowitz, in 14th, qualified for the nationals. The other finishers were Holly Fryberger, 31st; Heather Pedersen, 48th; Betsy Leighton, 58th; Malie Richmond, 76th, and Tracy Middleton, 81st.

Both teams also had strong finishes in the men's and women's ECAC Division III Cross-Country Championships at Tufts in October. The Panther women were the surprise of the meet, finishing second behind Ithaca. The men finished seventh in a meet that was won by Rochester Institute of Technology. Rob Pederson finished third in the field of 165. Leading the Panther women were freshman Kristin Daly, in sixth; Sarah Rabinowitz, in ninth, and Holly Fryberger in 12th. All four Middlebury runners were named to the ECAC all-star team.

The teams also had great meets at the Albany State Invitational, with the women finishing second behind only Millersville State University, and the men's team finishing eighth.

In other action, the women won meets with Bates, Johnson State and Plattsburgh State, took a second in the Vermont State meet and were third in the NESCAC meet at Bowdoin. The men's squad defeated Johnson State and Plattsburgh while losing to Williams in dual meets. It also finished third in the state meet and was eighth at the NESCAC's.

Women's soccer team posts record of 7-4-3

The women's soccer team finished its season on a winning note by knocking off Johnson State, 3-1, but it wasn't quite good enough to make the ECAC playoffs.

Last year, the Panthers made it to the NIAC tournament where they lost to Colby. This year, the three ties may have cost the team a chance at post-season play. Middlebury coach Bill Beaney knew he would have a good team this year, but during the first five games (1-1-3) the team didn't seem to have the toughness of last year's 9-4-1 squad.

The team did turn things around in mid-season with consecutive wins over Union, Hamilton and Amherst. However, in the remaining six contests, the Panthers didn't show a consistent offense and had trouble scoring in some games. Middlebury was shut out twice in the home stretch by Vermont and St. Lawrence. Those two shutouts came after a 5-0 win over Norwich. Probably the team's most impressive win of the campaign was a 2-1 decision over Tufts, the first win over Tufts since 1985.

"This team played some of the best soccer I have seen in my four years of coaching at Middlebury," coach Beaney said. "I believe this year's team was more talented than last year's, but we just didn't get the timely scoring we needed. We have a lot of good players coming back next year, and I feel the best is still in front of this group."

In fact, the team's leading scorer was a freshman, Karen Falso, with five goals. Senior Chris Munion was next with four scores; and Lynelle Preston and Amy Lilly had three each. Sophomore goal keeper Sarah Cahill had a great season, playing in every game, recording six shutouts and posting a 0.93 goals against average.

Women's tennis, 8-2, fourth at New England's

The women's tennis team finished a successful season with a strong showing at the New England Championships at Amherst College.

With an 8-2 record in regular season play, the Panthers finished fourth in a field of 28 teams in the Division III regional competition. Wellesley won the event with Tufts second and Trinity third.

In singles at the New Englands, Mimi Warendorf and Nancy Olsen and Kathy Pryor all won in the first round before losing in the second. Allison Holtzapple, a seeded player, drew a bye in the opening round, won her second round match, and then lost to Kristin Daley of Williams 3-6, 7-6, 7-5.

Jessie Kubek also drew a bye, and won her second round match before losing to Laura Hubbard of Trinity 7-6, 6-7, 6-2. Grace Garcia got a bye in the first round, won her second round match and then lost to Stephanie Voros of Trinity, 6-2, 6-0, in the semifinals.

In doubles play, Warendorf and Olson lost their first round match, Pryor and Holtzapple made it to fourth round before losing, and Kubek and O'Hare drew a bye and then lost to a doubles team from Tufts.

O'Hare, a freshman, made it all the way to the finals of the consolation round before losing, 6-1, 6-3, to Genie Edwards of Wheaton.

Golfers finish 16th at New England's

The golf team wound up its fall season by placing in in the top 20 at the New England Intercollegiate Golf Championships, played at New Seabury Country Club in Massachusetts.

Playing against teams from all three divisions, the Division III Panthers finished 16th in a 43-team field. The two-day tournament was won by Central Connecticut with a score of 602. Middlebury compiled a score of 658, beating such teams as Maine, Holy Cross and Vermont.

Middlebury captain Mark Sellon was his team's top finisher, shooting 159 for two rounds, 13 strokes off the winning pace set by Pat Sheehan of the University of Hartford. Other Panther finishers: Josh Pepin, 161; Topher Smith, 164; Matt Benjamin, 174, and Jeff Noordsy, 194.

The Panthers had a good season, maintaining their three-year home dual match unbeaten streak by beating Vermont and Franklin Pierce. They also won the Vermont state title, placed third in the Duke Nelson Invitational at the Ralph Myhre Course, and ninth in the Williams Invitational.

Smith completed the season with the best overall individual average, 80.2. Sellon was close behind with an 80.9 mark and Pepin had an 81.1 average.

Erin Quinn '86 named to College athletic staff

Erin C. Quinn '86 has joined the athletic staff as assistant defensive football coach, assistant lacrosse coach and instructor of physical education.

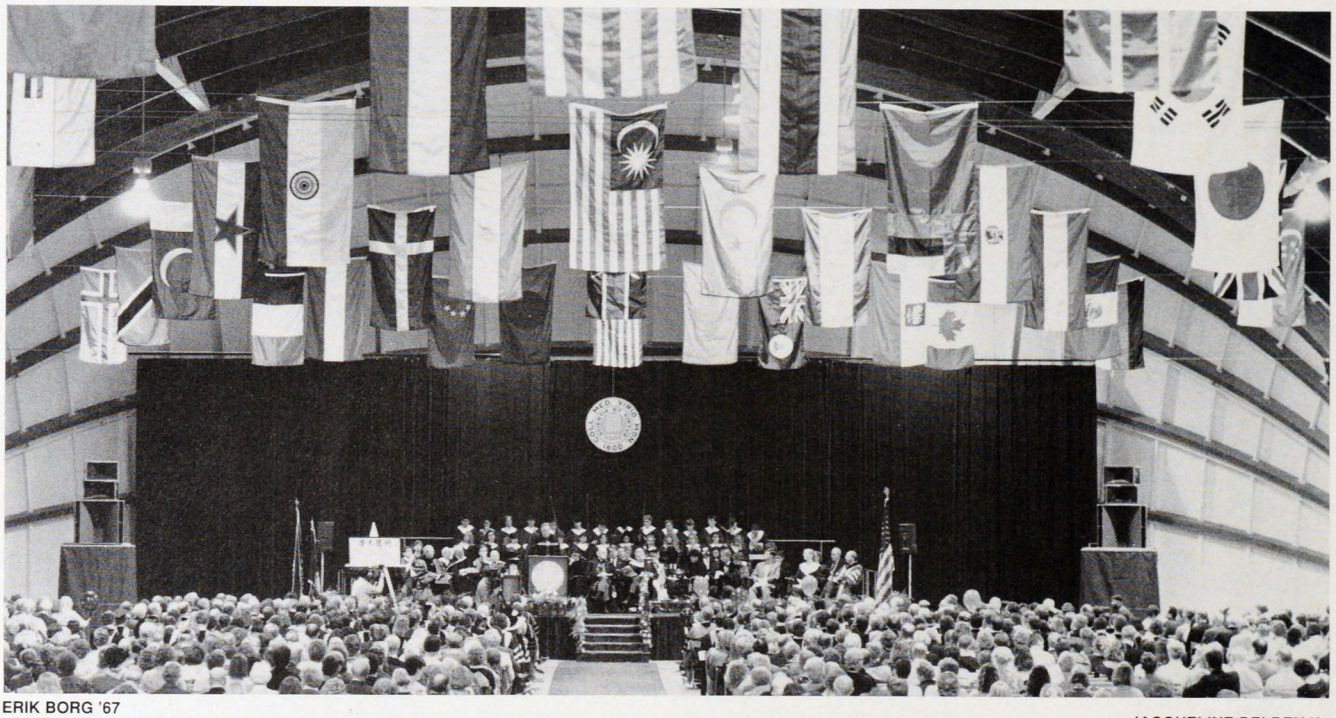
Quinn returns to his alma mater from Lake Forest College, where he was the head lacrosse coach and an assistant football coach last year. He also served as assistant football and lacrosse coach at Tufts University for two years while doing graduate work and was a parttime assistant in both sports at Middlebury following his graduation.

Quinn played three years of varsity football as a defensive back at Middlebury and was chosen co-captain his senior year. The economics major also received the Lang Scholarship and Durkin Memorial Football Award.

In addition to his B.A. from Middlebury, Quinn holds a master's degree in social science teaching from Tufts. He is a native of Wethersfield, Conn.

—*Max Petersen*

The Inauguration of Timothy Light



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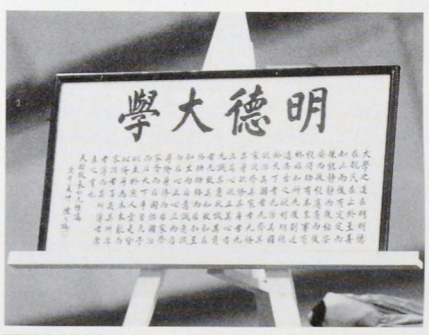
JACQUELINE BELDEN '91

It was, all in all, quite a weekend, October 12-14, what with the usual trappings of Homecoming, and all the special events that go with the inauguration of a new president. It started with the inaugural dinner on Friday night. On Saturday morning, Middlebury reintroduced a long dormant tradition, the academic parade, with an inaugural parade (at right) from downtown to the Field House, which included local and College sports teams, the Middlebury faculty, student and community groups, and even the Middlebury Union Junior High School band. Following the parade, there was the inauguration itself in Nelson Arena (above), at which the calligraphy of Professor Tatuan Chen (below) was prominently displayed. And that night, there was a gala inaugural ball. Photos of that event, and others, appear on the pages that follow.



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STANDING on the SHOULDERS of GIANTS

By Timothy Light

In which the College's new president acknowledges his debt to the past, and his commitment to the future.

Wow! What a party!

I now know finally, in my fifties, what it is to feel like a baby. A baby is dressed up wonderfully in a baptismal gown, taken to church and made the center of great attention for which it can take no legitimate credit. Because it is a new arrival and helpless and does not know its way around, it tends to keep people up all night and is constantly making demands on the time and energy of others. Adults treat it with a humorous tolerance. But inherent in their indulgence is the unstated expectation that by a certain deadline, the newborn will sleep all night and somewhat later be toilet trained — or else. I think that the speech I am about to give is the "or else."

We are here to celebrate Middlebury College. Colleges — especially premier colleges — exist and persist far beyond (and probably in spite of) any individual who happens to be inaugurated as president. This ceremony is a celebration of the College itself and of its history and of the tens of thousands of people who have made it the great institution that it now is.

A celebration like this does not just happen. It has been planned for and worked for by a lot of people during almost half a year. The inaugural committees of faculty, staff, students and alumni were chaired by Provost and Vice President John McCardell. If you enjoy yourself this weekend and leave here with a sense of what a remarkable school this is, it will be because they spent their spring and summer making sure that this would all happen.

Often when we thank and praise, we forget the hundreds of people who make specific things happen whose names we never know and whose faces we see only fleetingly. Middlebury College is especially blessed with a truly splendid staff, and all of them have contributed to your comfort, convenience and enjoyment this weekend. The buildings and grounds staff and the custodial staff are responsible for making of both the indoors and outdoors of this campus such an exquisite jewel, which all of us enjoy every day here and which is especially beautiful today. The food service, which just as a matter of course puts on the best student cafeteria meals I have ever eaten, have added the many hundreds of us today to their usual tasks. Our security service has made traffic and parking go as smoothly as those ever can on a day when there are many strangers and too many cars in a small place.

Countless clerical and administrative staff have labored often into the nights of the past two months to assure that lists were correct, that people were informed, and that all those things which needed printing were printed on time. And Middlebury students. More of these young people than I can ever count have helped and are helping in the ideas for this weekend (I hope that you enjoyed the parade), which is most of all Homecoming Weekend, and in all aspects of the logistics. For all of these people, this weekend is the fifth major event in as many weekends. The opening of school — which alone nearly prostrates many institutions — was followed immediately by an international conference featuring the Dalai Lama of Tibet and participated in by more than 4,000 people. Right after that were two parents' weekends. All of these people have done so superb a job that the Middlebury of the past, the present and the future is made proud by their work. Thank you, all of you.

What a privilege it is for both Joy and me to be part of your community. People from the community of the College and people from the community of Middlebury Town and the region have given us so warm and gracious a welcome that we began to feel at home almost as soon as we moved here. We have lived many places. In all those places, except for when we lived in our two native towns, Hong Kong and Kalamazoo, we arrived as complete strangers. Never have we two strangers been made to feel so much at home so quickly as we have in Middlebury.

Your welcome to us has been so warm that it would be boorish

not to apologize at this time for a particularly barbaric defect of character. That is my lack of memory, especially when it comes to names. There is a linguistic term to describe this failing condition, the term "anomia." When I first came across the word "anomia" in teaching basic linguistics, the relief was instant and cathartic. I feel that I am a much better person now that I have a technical word with which to identify a plain lapse.

The title of these remarks is "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants," which is, as you know, from the famous statement attributed to Isaac Newton and others. The full statement is: "If we see a bit farther, it is because we are standing on the shoulders of giants."

Middlebury College today is wonderfully prosperous, boasting a superb faculty, a campus whose beauty and physical state are a stunning example of what human beings really can do with dedication and extensive forethought, and whose programs and opportunities for young people are not bettered by any institution that I know of. Truly, there have been giants in this place. Two giants who have had special responsibility for the wonderful condition which the College now enjoys are President Jim Armstrong and President Olin Robison. That Middlebury College is nationally recognized as one of the nation's handful of best institutions is the result of thousands of people's labor, but the vision which aimed Middlebury towards that eminence is owed especially to Presidents Armstrong and Robison. Gentlemen, the school that you have bequeathed to those who follow you bears the happy marks of your caring, intelligence and energy, and the shoes that you leave behind are so huge that I do not think of trying to fill them, but merely to swim around in them for the time that I am privileged to be here. Not expecting at all to see farther than these giants, but merely hoping to join the happy beneficiaries of their labors, I would change the famous statement to: "If we meet the challenges that the future has already shown us, it will be because we stand on the shoulders of giants."

This nation has had a proud tradition of founding and nurturing colleges and universities. The partnership between this town and this College reflect nearly two centuries of the best of that tradition. Founded 190 years ago by the founders of the town itself, Middlebury College has been continuously supported and nurtured and guided by the people of this place. That proud heritage was again formally marked at the beginning of today's festivities, which were launched by the chair of the town's selectmen, a symbolic act that testifies to the continuously magnificent mutual support which this College and this town give each other. I look forward to being very much a part of continuing this grand tradition.

Tim and Joy Light dance at the inaugural ball, top photo, and with International Student dancers on Friday.

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In our nation as a whole, however, in the 1980's concern for higher education degenerated in many quarters to name calling and finger-pointing. Books with inflammatory titles such as *The Closing of the American Mind, Profscam* and *Tenured Radicals* captured public attention. These books and others like them have portrayed American professors and American academic institutions as greedy, lazy, self-serving and unconcerned about the youth of today. If one were to find their characterizations plausible, none of us in this profession could hold up our heads and we ourselves would call for the end of academia.

As angry as their authors apparently are, however, these books have by no means struck the worst blow that we have received. That blow came this past summer during the debate over whether George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees should be allowed to continue in baseball. The columnist Mike Royko and

the columnist George Will took different sides on this nationally critically issue. Royko settled that squabble by hurling at Will the worst insult he could muster. Royko referred to him as "Professor Will." Fellow scholars and teachers, we cannot sink any lower in the public estimation.

We do indeed have faults. In a few moments, I will mention a few issues in higher education which are of national concern and which require attention from the best schools such as Middlebury. By raising those issues, I am of course implying that we can do better. Nevertheless, I wish to state first on this day that I am proud to be a professor in America, that I am honored and privileged to be part of one of the nation's noblest and most serving professions. The overwhelming majority of colleagues that I have known, at four American institutions and two Chinese ones, have drawn their inspiration from enthusiasm and love for the continued and continuing renewal of the generation to come and from a passion for the subjects that they study. The overwhelming majority of colleagues that I have known have worked with a dedication that has asked so little that it has seldom calculated the hours put in on the job, though I personally think that most American academics average a 60 hour week and in term time very often exceed that by a good deal.

There are many challenges facing our colleges and universities in the decade that has just begun. I would like to discuss briefly with you a few of those challenges that I think will be of critical importance to us in the coming years.

The first of these issues is the need to be ever more explicit and definitive about what we can do and cannot do in higher education, and to be increasingly clear and comprehensive in our definition of our teaching role.

Our business is the education of post-adolescents. Our business as a residential college is comprehensive in that we offer ourselves and our facilities for the growth into full adulthood and development in most normal aspects of young people from the ages of about 17 to about 22.

Part of the unabashed pride that I expressed a moment ago in American higher education is based on my belief that on the whole we do a pretty good job at those tasks. (And from what I have been able to see in just a month and a half, Middlebury does a marvelous job at those tasks.)

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Dancers from the International Student Organization provided the evening's entertainment at the inaugural dinner on Friday night.

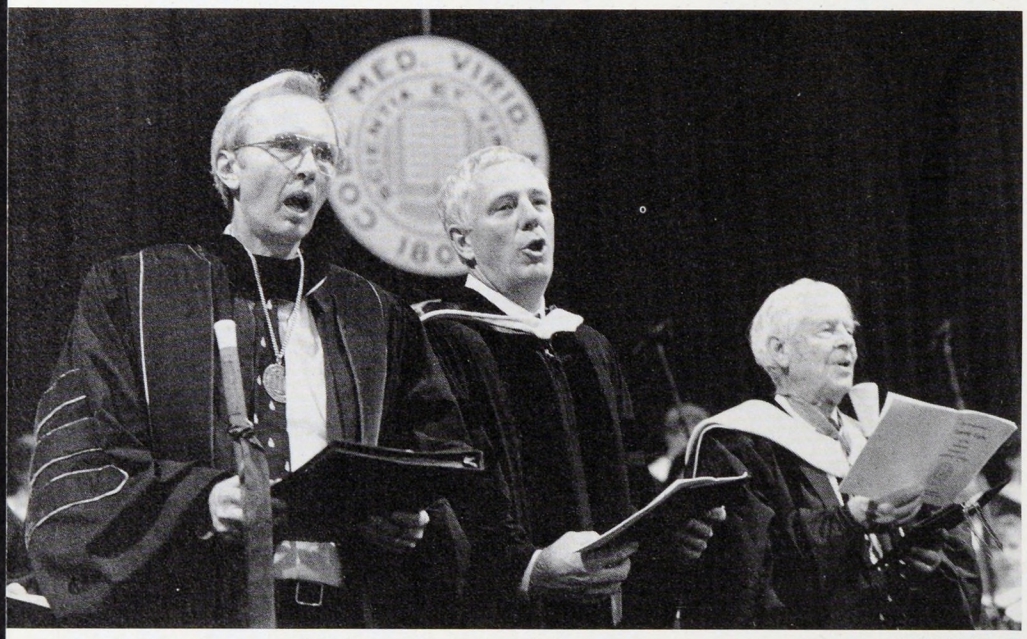
As good a job as we do with most of our responsibilities, we in academia have been severely pressed over the past two or three decades by a society which has rapidly abandoned many of its social structures and much of its familial fabric. Educational institutions have been called upon to fill the gap that in previous generations was filled by churches, voluntary organizations and, indeed, grandparents and parents. The worst burden, of course, falls upon the elementary and high schools, many of which have had to virtually abandon their proper vocation of teaching in order simply to cope with the problems of all society brought within their doors by children who have been spawned and then effectively abandoned. (Lest anyone think that I am referring here to any particular group, let me say that this pattern and the devastating problems that it causes for the whole of society are shared by groups in all social and economic classes and all ethnic groups.)

While the demands placed on colleges have not been as severe as on the schools, nevertheless, we have been expected to, and have attempted to, do more and different things than we are best at. In far too many cases, institutions of higher education have attempted to create on our campuses therapeutic societies which can respond to the increasing host of problems which are brought to us.

During the two decades or so that this change has been occurring, the graduate schools to whom we turn for new faculty have narrowed the scope of their responsibility and the responsibilities for which they train those who become new college

teachers. The very extensive demands which good teaching makes beyond the research laboratory or library and beyond the lecture hall are too frequently absent from the graduate school and therefore never introduced to the new college teacher until he or she actually has undergraduate students to be responsible for.

The dumping of social and familial responsibilities on educational institutions (including the colleges) and the abandoning of much of their responsibilities by the graduate schools have together squeezed colleges and the undergraduate branches of universities into an uncomfortable and undesirable shape. In the coming decade we must reaffirm our goals and purposes and reclaim our proper ground.



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Tim Light, Milt Peterson and Stephen Freeman sing the alma mater.

Undergraduate institutions are first of all academic institutions. Their principal task is teaching, and excellence in teaching is their minimal demand of their faculty. Because research and other forms of intellectual renewal are vital for the preservation and nurturing of the engaged mind, research and equivalently intellectual renewal activities are encouraged as a necessary complement to excellent teaching. Residential colleges by their very nature accept responsibilities that extend beyond the academic and include nurturing maturity and growth in most other aspects of the lives of 17 to 22 year olds.

Because we take on these other responsibilities, our roles as teachers do not end with the classroom, but include adult presence in other aspects of students' lives. That extended responsibility cannot be solely the task of a separate class of people hired in addition to the teaching faculty, but must to some degree include the academic professorate. For that to occur as a regular part of college life, colleges must be clear about the societies that they create within themselves and the expectations of normalcy that they will maintain for membership. Colleges cannot and should not try to sustain a bifurcated professional staff some of whom are designated to respond to society's ills and some of whom are designated to conduct research and incidentally pass on the results of that research to students.

Colleges can and should sustain the most intellectually stimulating faculty who are continuously devoted to renewing themselves and their disciplines and who are engaged in appropriate ways with the lives of their students. That is the historical role of the American college. It is the task at which Middlebury College has established an admirable record. It is the task for which we as colleges must insist that the graduate schools train those seeking an academic career.

The heart of our enterprise is, of course, our teaching and what we teach. The American tradition is that the education that is offered to the most promising youngsters — those who actually are thought to have the potential to be the leaders of the next generation — is the curriculum of the liberal arts. The liberal arts aim to give the most promising young people a broad introduction to the best of humanity's discoveries and reflections as seen with a critical eye. The liberal arts aim not to train young people for any professions, but to develop their minds with a critical flexibility so that they can approach their professions wisely. The liberal arts in their full scope offer young people the fundamental tools with which uncertain futures can best be met.

Within the context of the liberal arts there are two academic areas that are virtually certain to be of special importance to the future of today's youth. They are science and foreign languages and international studies. Science is critically important right now because we face a critical shortage of scientists later in this decade and in the decade to come if we do not rapidly address our production of professional scientists. Science is critically important as well because that vast majority of today's students who will not become professional scientists will need to know a great deal more about scientific processes and claims and analyses than do the non-scientists of my generation just in order to be effective citizens in a democracy.

The study of the rest of the world and the languages that are spoken by most of its members is critical to us because our nation is now in all respects a part of a much larger world than ourselves and a world that we have demonstrated repeatedly we do not understand well. For today's college generation, knowledge of those parts of the world that are most foreign to us, including the Third World, will be of special importance. Even in my own brief adult life the regions of the world in which we have gotten into trouble have almost all been in areas of Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. The rate of world change and of our slipping unexpectedly into conflicts or potential conflicts has increased, as our current predicament in the Middle East shows. It is

most probable that this rate of change will increase during the adulthood of today's college students. They must not perpetuate the massive ignorance of cultures and languages which has characterized all American generations before them.

Through the extraordinary foresight of our predecessors, Middlebury College is prepared in ways that only one or two other schools can claim to provide the education for the future that today's college-aged youth will need and to do so within the overall context of a rigorous liberal arts curriculum.

Middlebury is one of the nation's major science colleges as measured by its share in the production of a disproportionate number of future scientists. The College's commitment to science dates from its founding. In the College's initial decade, the first professor of what was then called natural philosophy, Frederick Hall, was given a two-year leave to study, collect specimens and books and meet the great savants of his day in Europe before he was required to come to Middlebury to begin work. That alone would make him the envy of today's science professors, but to top it off, when he did get here, his public lectures were so popular that the College was able to charge for attendance. Fearful that they might lose so valuable an asset, the trustees soon doubled his salary. In so doing, they paid him more than they did the founding president, Jeremiah Atwater, causing Atwater thereupon to resign. It would be difficult to demonstrate a stronger commitment to science than that. And that commitment has continued at Middlebury right through to today.

Middlebury's devotion to the study of other lands and their languages is most widely known through the famous Language Schools. Simply put, the Middlebury Language Schools offer the best intensive language instruction in the nation. It is a remarkable testimony to the foresight of our predecessors that they were founded a full 75 years ago. Less popularly known, the undergraduate curriculum of the regular academic year has also become a locus of sterling language instruction and, as well, cultural studies of various areas of the world.

In its long-standing support of excellence in science and excellence in foreign languages and international studies, Middlebury is academically the college of the future. Undoubtedly, the specific needs of students in the years to come in science and international studies will require adjustment even by Middlebury. For example, it is most likely that our curricular attention to the third world will need enhancement in order to prepare today's students for their future more appropriately than my generation was prepared. Middlebury's mature strength and unparalleled experience in teaching languages and area studies gives this College the basis upon which to build studies of the Third World that have the depth and rigor equivalent to anything on this wonderful campus. Truly this is the college of the future.

Among the most talked of issues in higher education today is ethics. Before I briefly talk about that matter, I think it is best for you to begin with pronouncing Middlebury's official name in Chinese — which is itself a major ethical statement.

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Middlebury's Chinese name is taken from the passage which you heard earlier today. That same passage is displayed here on the platform in the calligraphy of Professor Ta-tuan Chen, the eminent teacher and scholar who is responsible for leading Middlebury's Chinese School into its place of unequalled excellence. The passage is taken from the classic *The Great Learning*. Our name in Chinese means "magnifying virtue" or "illustrating virtue" or "manifesting clear character." What is meant by that term and the thrust of *The Great Learning* is not some private righteousness or adherence to a list of don'ts. What is envisioned in the ethic of the tradition of Confucius is a public morality of responsibility to others. Confucius and his followers understood virtue very much to include the greater responsibilities that are incurred by people with greater privileges. Confucius saw the role of leadership to be entirely a role of service.

I believe that the notion of virtue that is expressed in the Chinese "DE" is not entirely distant from the meaning of the Latin word *virtus*, which forms part of Middlebury's motto, *Scientia et Virtus*.

(President Armstrong, a classicist, will no doubt sympathize when I say that I was enormously relieved to discover that the noun *lux* was not incorporated into our motto. I was nurtured by a school whose motto was *Lux et Veritas*, and most recently have worked for one which uses *Lux Esto*. When you have a name that sounds like Dim Light, you tend to notice such things.)

Colleges are under increasingly loud pressure from many quarters to teach ethics. Whatever the specific motivation,

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John McCardell, right, provost and inauguration committee chair, introduces Tim Light at Friday's dinner.

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Tim Light with Gamaliel Painter's cane. At right is Milt Peterson '58, chairman of the board of trustees.

some of the calls for more effort on the "ethics thing" come perilously close to one generation bashing another. Some calls for increased moral instruction also amount to a given group demanding central attention for itself at the expense of others.

I have drawn attention to the public and communal heart of the Chinese and Latin ethical norms because they are rather similar to the convictions held by the leaders of our own society when Middlebury was founded, and they speak very much to us today. If we are to have an ethic in the coming decades, if as institutions we do indeed put more emphasis on moral instruction, the ethic that we teach will have to be intergenerational and commonly defined. It will have to be an ethic that will begin with the responsibilities we owe to our successors. That is something that the current college generation has been much more attuned to than my own has. Their greater sophistication and sensitivity to long-term responsibility in the management of wealth and resources was demonstrated by Middlebury students at the recent Spirit and Nature Conference in ways that made us all immensely proud.

The ethic of the future will also have to begin with an understanding of the responsibilities that we owe to each other here and now along with the importance of social roles and their obligations; for the understanding of social structure is the minimal stability necessary for any morality to be realized. That is something that is often grasped better by age than by youth. Age also understands better the need for patience, long-term optimism, tolerance, and the fundamental humor of life. The ethic of the coming decade will need to be an ethic that centers and draws us together around commonly understood notions of justice rather than providing us reasons for divisiveness. It will need to be an ethic that celebrates the extraordinary diversity of humanity and yet reaffirms the common thirst for principles that can be accepted as universal. It most especially will need to be an ethic that sees our human diversity as a part of the center that draws us together and that therefore eschews and denounces the use of constituency politics as a substitute for a true morality which can inspire our lives.

Indeed, we do need to teach ethics to the young and indeed the coming decade should see us as institutions adding to our eagerness to do that. In doing so, all of us will find that we are stretching our minds and our hearts to arrive at and accept governing principles that are of universal value rather than of value principally to us and the groups we identify ourselves with.

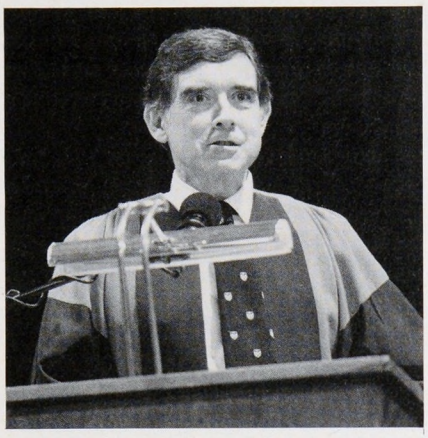
The last of the issues that I wish to raise with you is the most easily stated one, but may be the most difficult to accomplish. It is the need for the leading colleges to come much closer than we have done to approximate in our populations the makeup of the American population as a whole. There are many reasons for needing to do this. I will mention only one. Before the first third of the next century is passed, there will be no ethnic majority in America's early elementary schools. About 15 years later, there will be no ethnic majority in our colleges. Right now, there is under way a precipitous decline in the number of high school graduates in the eastern, northern and central parts of our country. That decline is particularly acute among white groups. When the numbers of high school graduates level off and begin to climb again, the majority of the restored growth will occur among groups now considered minorities, particularly African-Americans and Hispanics.

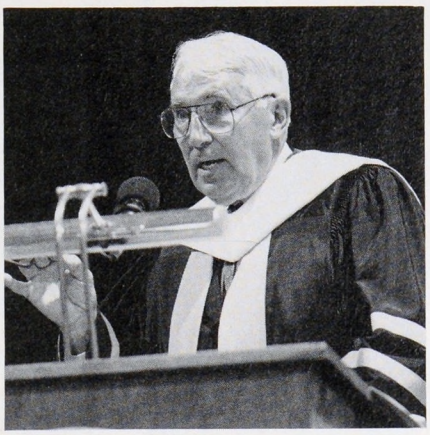
Given that set of facts, if the best colleges are to remain premier institutions, and if they are to continue to draw to themselves the best students — those who are potentially leaders — then they will need to attract and keep an ethnic representation that is not too distant from that obtaining in the country as a whole. We will need to do that for the simple reason that that is the way which Mother Nature distributes native talent, and if we want our fair share of that best talent, a commensurate proportion will be found among the groups currently underrepresented in our best schools.

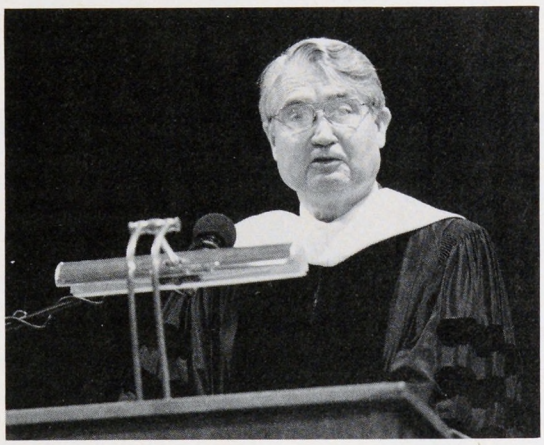
In order to achieve this goal, the premier colleges will need to become places where members of minority groups can be comfortably productive. Saying that absolutely does not imply adding to the divisiveness and governance by constituency politics to which I objected a moment ago. Saying that we need to work to

become a place where members of today's minorities can be comfortably productive definitely does imply adding their historical and contemporary experience to the stock of experience that we share in our common ethos. Both curricularly and extracurricularly, and in ways that are appropriate, and with the same rigor with which we pursue all other subjects, we must include the historical and current participation of today's minorities in the story of our people and how we study and understand it.

Further, in order to attain the goal of a representatively diverse student body, colleges will need to become similarly representative in their professional staffs and faculties. Without such representativeness among the role models of the institution, commitments to diversity would hardly be whole, and students — especially members of the current white majority — would be deprived of an opportunity to experience what a harmonious multi-ethnic society might really be like.







Saturday's speakers at the inauguration ceremonies, in addition to Tim Light, were, above left, Olin Robison, Middlebury's 13th president; James Armstrong, the 12th president of the College, above right; and, at left, John Chandler, president emeritus of Williams College and of the American Association of Colleges, who received an honorary doctorate from Middlebury at Commencement in 1983.

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The challenges that I have summarized as facing higher education will require from us considerable imagination and devotion and commitment if we hope to meet them successfully. In the decade that has just begun, it is clear that we will need to meet all challenges with new constraints governing our material resources. The 1990's will be a time when we will be continually called upon to do more with less.

Middlebury College is remarkably suited to leading the way in meeting these challenges. The very founding of a college in this place in 1800 was an act of tremendous commitment to the future by a group of people who could have been thought by outsiders to have little ground for optimism besides their own determination. Much of the College's first century was devoted to the struggle for survival. Never in that period did the College abandon or alter its principal mission or deviate from its high standards. In the 1880's, a time when Middlebury almost disappeared, the College not only prevailed over adverse events, but set the stage for becoming the superb modern college that it has become in this century.

The future has been the continuous watchword of this College. In its curriculum, in its planning, and in the steadfast courage with which it has constantly reaffirmed its commitment to the future while remaining always the most rigorous of liberal arts colleges, Middlebury has set a pace that few institutions, no matter how prestigious for their time, have been able to keep. It is through that foresightedness that Middlebury became the remarkable institution that it is today. It is through its past being that of the college of the future that Middlebury has refined and reaffirmed its classical liberal arts education while simultaneously developing unparalleled strengths in the very subjects needed for the future of today's and tomorrow's students.

Commentators tell us that the prospect of material restraining is making us an inordinately anxious people. Our youth, we are told, are haunted by the fear that their standard of living may not equal that which they have enjoyed as children in their parents' homes. Those who stress too much our material dependence forget our history and belittle us as a people. Throughout most of our past, whatever wealth we have achieved has been based on hard work, and our favored legends of ourselves even in these days of modern comfort remain those of our ancestors who struggled to open land and plant the towns and cities which we now enjoy. Those leaders whom we remember with awe and cite as models for ourselves and our children are seldom from our gilded ages, but instead are those represented by a rustic frontier lawyer who led us through a civil war, a cripple who took us through a depression and a world war, and a man who, though he had himself grown up in wealth, is remembered most for telling us not to ask what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country.

It is that which has been the spirit of Middlebury. Far from being daunting or foreboding, the challenges of the coming years recall Middlebury's past at its best. The need to face the coming years with ever more modest demands and ever more generous concern, to develop a society that is governed by common moral bonds, to celebrate our human variety, and to take as our sacred responsibility the direct and engaged education of the best of our young people in what they will need for their futures grounded in the best from our past — those things have been at the heart of the history of this College.

It is that history which has made Middlebury the college of the future in a way that few other schools have become. It is that history and how it is manifested in today's Middlebury that makes it so inestimable a privilege to be a part of this magnificent school.

Thank you.

Spirit & Nature

The Dalai Lama and five other religious scholars bring a message to Middlebury: Rediscover the sacred in the natural world

About a year ago, rumors started circulating on the campus: The Dalai Lama was coming back. • Those who'd been around back in 1984, when the Dalai Lama of Tibet made his first trip to Middlebury, were stunned. That visit, for a symposium called "The Christ and the Bodhisattva," had seemed a once in a lifetime opportunity. Now, of course, the Dalai Lama was not only revered as the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists the world over, but was also the recipient, in 1989, of the Nobel Peace Prize. And he was coming back to Middlebury? Eventually, the rumor proved to be true. His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, would be returning. The occasion? Another conference, organized, again, by Steven Rockefeller, professor of religion, the guiding force behind the 1984 symposium. This time, the topic would be "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis." • In addition to the Dalai Lama, the conference would include speakers from all of the major world relig-

An interfaith service in Mead Chapel.

By Tim Etchells '74
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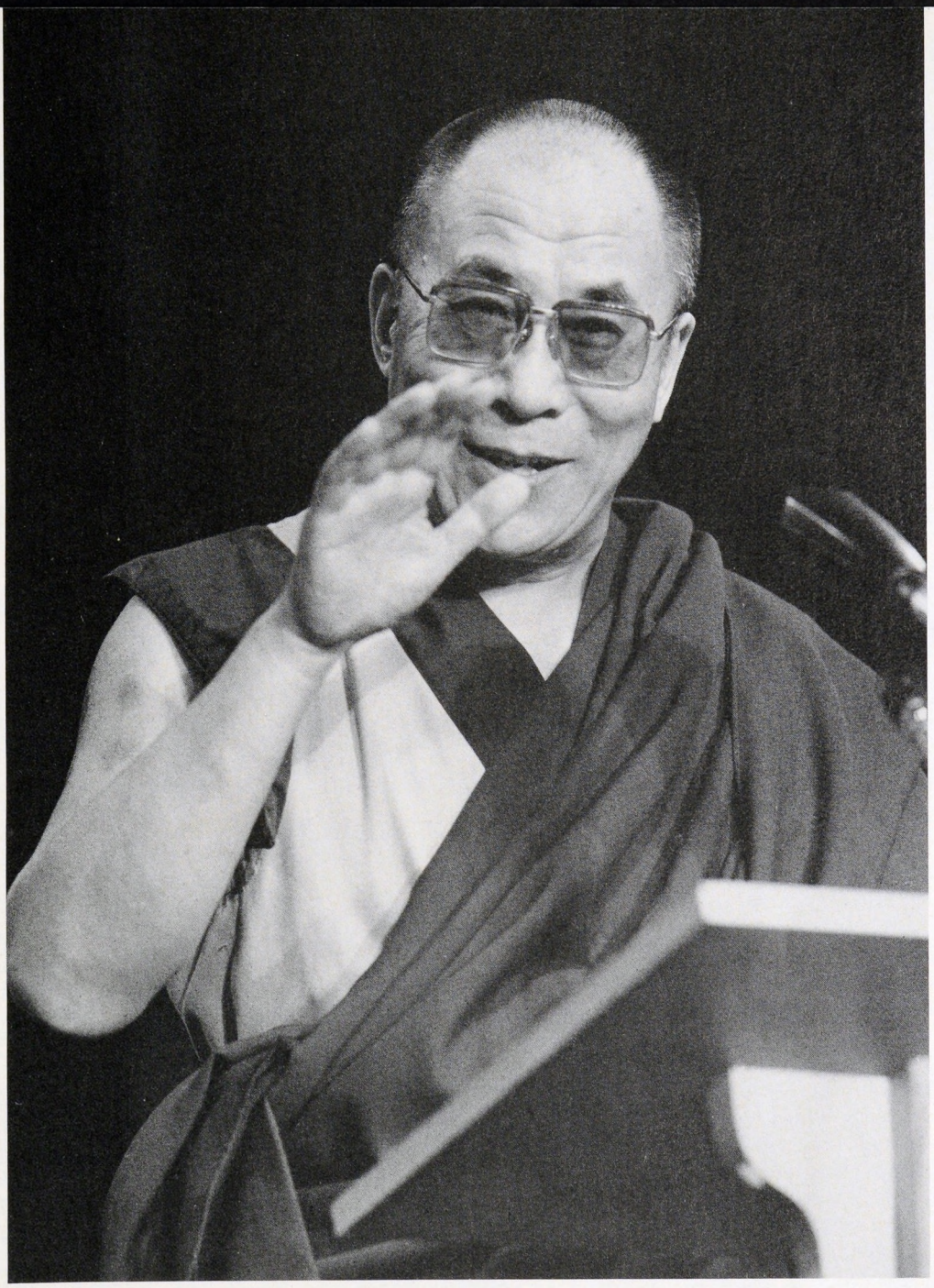
ions: J. Ronald Engel, professor of social ethics at the University of Chicago's Meadville/Lombard Theological School; Sallie McFague, professor of theology at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University and the author of *Models of God: Theology for an Ecological, Nuclear Age*; Seyyed Hossein Nasr, professor of Islamic studies at George Washington University; Ismar Schorsch, chancellor and professor of Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; and Audrey Shenandoah, cultural supervisor of the Onandaga Indian School and an elder of the Eel Clan of the Onandaga Nation, one of the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

The conference took place over four days in September, from Thursday, September 13, to Sunday, September 16. During the events, hundreds of students and thousands of other spectators attended the talks; viewed an accompanying art show at the Johnson Gallery, "Visions of Interdependence"; and heard a concert in Nelson Arena by the Paul Winter Consort, a group known for its unique mix of instrumental and vocal music with the sounds of nature, including the cries of wolves and the songs of birds and whales.



The Dalai Lama addresses the crowd in Nelson Arena during the symposium.

As the symposium on the Christ and the Bodhisattva did six years ago, the Spirit and Nature symposium changed, and charged, the whole atmosphere on campus, for its four-day run, and for long afterward. We present here some of the highlights.

Audrey Shenandoah: Respect for mother earth

The conference formally began on Thursday, September 13, in Mead Chapel, with a welcome from Steven Rockefeller, and a talk by Audrey Shenandoah, an elder of the Onandaga Nation in New York State.

Most all of the seats in the chapel were full for this opening event, as they would be for the duration of the conference, with a large percentage of those seats taken by students. And as he would for most of the next few days, the Dalai Lama watched from the center of the back balcony, along with several other Buddhist monks, all in maroon and saffron robes.

Rockefeller said that at this "critical time in the history of the world," Middlebury was honored to have brought together six noted religious scholars, including the Dalai Lama, who six years earlier, in his first visit to Middlebury, had "awakened minds and hearts in memorable ways."

"It's a time of great opportunity," Rockefeller said, in which there are "grounds for hope. But it's also a time of great danger. World events give our deliberations a great urgency."

In a remark that would presage much that was to follow, Rockefeller said that even "a profound scientific understanding" of the earth's problems "was of little use without the moral substance to act on it." And he said the conference included people representing different religious traditions "because it will take dialogue, and global cooperation," to solve the world's ecological problems.

Audrey Shenandoah was introduced by John Elder, professor of English and one of the organizers of the conference. Shenandoah began her talk with a prayer of thanksgiving, for "being here together" and "for our mother the earth ...

Above, the Dalai Lama chats with students while sharing a meal in the Proctor dining hall. At right, the Dalai Lama heads up College Street, surrounded by students and other fans. Below, from right, the Dalai Lama, Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Steven Rockefeller examine a table made from a cross-section of a large Redwood root, about 90 inches across. The table, by the late American artist George Nakashima, was part of the art exhibition, 'Visions of Interdepence,' at Johnson.

All we have comes from our mother earth, who gives unconditionally." She said we should "put our minds together and give a great thanksgiving" for the natural world and the spirits who watch over it, and us.

It's customary among her people, she said, to begin and end meetings with such a prayer, to show, right from the start, respect for nature and for other people.

The issue facing us, she said, was that "our generation must not cause problems for future generations." We live in a "dominant society," she said, meaning one that thinks it can dominate other elements of the natural world. But we must change that way of thinking, she said. And we can't wait for multinational corporations to change — "It's up to each and every one of us."

Her people, she said, like indigenous peoples all over the world, have "a deep love for the land" and a special relationship with all the elements. It's important, she said, "to get people in power, in industry, and technology, to listen to indigenous peoples," to get others "to respect mother earth and all the cycles of creation."

What's needed, she said, is "a spiritual connection to this earth, this land," to all the rest of creation.

Shenandoah, wearing a bright purple dress, with a necklace dominated by a turquoise blue pendant, speaks softly, slowly and carefully. "I was always told," she says later, "to speak in a soft voice to be understood. Otherwise, if you shout or scream, people hear your tone of voice, and not your words."

She speaks of a prophecy of her people, that "maple trees would begin dying from the top," and notes that, thanks to acid rain, it's happening now, in New York and New England.

Her people, she said, never had a word in their language for wilderness, or for nature, "because we were part of it." That's the realization that must come to the rest of the world, she says. It's our job "to let as many people as we can know that we've got to make a turnabout now."

Seyyed Hossein Nasr: Rediscover the sacred

That evening, the conference continued with a talk, "Islam and the Environmental Crisis," by Seyyed Hossein Nasr. Larry Yarbrough, a professor of religion at Middlebury, introduced Nasr, a trim man with a neat salt and pepper beard and glasses.

Nasr said that in the Islamic world to-

Part of the huge crowd — estimated at about 5,000 people — who were on hand to hear the Dalai Lama speak on Saturday morning.

day, "one sees blatant signs of the environmental crisis in nearly every country, from the air pollution of Cairo and Tehran to the erosion of the hills of Yemen to the deforestation of many areas of Malaysia and Bangladesh."

Nasr said that for that reason, one could conclude that the Islamic view of nature was probably not very different from that of the modern West. "But a deeper look," he said, "will reveal an Islamic view of the environment very different from what has been prevalent in the West during the past few centuries. If that view has now become partly hidden, it is because of the onslaught of Western civilization since the 18th century and the destruction of much of Islamic civilization, due to both external and internal factors, although the Islamic religion itself has continued to flourish and remains strong."

He described an onslaught upon the Islamic world of a secular science, based upon power and domination over nature, and a technology that devours the natural world with no respect for the equilibrium of nature, "a science and technology of Western origin which have now become nearly global."

But traditional Islamic attitudes toward nature still have a hold on many of Islam's adherents, he said, noting that Muslims make up about one fifth of humanity. These attitudes have their roots in the Koran, what he called "the primordial message of God to man." The Koran, Nasr said, "does not draw a clear line of demarcation between the natural and the supernatural nor between the world of man and that of nature." As such, one who keeps the Islamic faith "does not regard the world of nature as its natural enemy to be conquered and subdued, but as an integral part of man's religious universe, sharing in his earthly life and in a sense even ultimate destiny."

The Koran depicts nature as something that "both veils and reveals God," Nasr said. "In an even deeper sense, it can be claimed that according to the Islamic perspective God Himself *is* the ultimate environment which surrounds and encompasses man," as in the verse, "But to God belong all things in the heavens and on the earth: And He it is who encompasseth all things."

To see God as all-encompassing, and to view nature as God, not as "divorced from the Divine Environment," is to be "aware of the sacred quality of nature, the reality of natural phenomena as signs of God ... The visible or manifested world is not an independent order of reality but a manifestation of a vastly greater world which transcends it and from which it issues."

This view has inculcated in the traditional Muslim a love for the natural environment that Nasr said was perhaps best expressed in Sufi poetry. He quoted the Persian poet Sa'di: "I am joyous with the cosmos for the cosmos receives its joy from Him. I love the whole world, for the world belongs to Him."

Nasr pointed out that this traditional Islamic view of the natural world does not imply that Islam is a "naturalistic" religion with no sense of the transcendence of God. "On the contrary," he said, "on the highest level it means to understand fully the Koranic verse, 'Whithersoever ye turn, there is the face of God.' "

In the Islamic view, Nasr said, God sustains and cares for the world, and expects man, as his regent on earth, "to nurture and care for the ambience in which he plays the central role," but to act only according to God's will. "That is why nothing is more dangerous for the natural environment," Nasr said, "than the practice of the power of (regency) by a humanity which no longer accepts to be God's servant, obedient to His commands and laws."

Responsibilities, Nasr said, precede rights. "What rights man does possess," Nasr said, "are given to him by God as a consequence of his having accepted the covenant with God and fulfilled his responsibilities as God's (regent) on earth."

The problem, Nasr said, came with the advent of Renaissance humanism. Since then, he said, Western civilization has "absolutized earthly man ... It is this purely earthly man, defined by rationalism and humanism, who developed 17th century science based upon the domination and conquest of nature, who sees nature as his enemy and who continues to rape and destroy the natural environment, always in the name of the rights of man which are seen by him to be absolute." Islam, he said, "has never permitted the glorification of man at the expense of either God or His creation."

The result of this view of man as absolute, and the acquiesence for the most part of Western religion, has been "the success of the forces of secularism and the science and technology which are based upon it in depleting nature of its sacred quality."

The problem in the Islamic world, Nasr said, is that the two voices heard most frequently in the past century and a half have been the modernists and the fundamentalists, who disagree on many issues, "but which have met completely eye to eye in their blind acceptance of modern

The final events, on Sunday morning, were an interfaith service in Mead Chapel, above, and a common meal, served on the lawn in front of Munroe.

science and technology and total neglect of the traditional Islamic views concerning science and nature."

As the ecological crisis deepens, however, "the voice of traditional Islam has begun to be heard ever more clearly and loudly," insisting that "the role of religion in the present environmental crisis is not only ethical but also intellectual, providing a critique in depth of the ... contention of modern science to be the only valid form of knowledge of the natural domain."

Nasr said that the Islamic world's failure to deal more successfully with the environment, despite its historically positive attitude toward nature, had to do with several factors, including "the global domination of the West ... and the need ... to overcome the economic consequences of this domination. ... The Islamic world is on the receiving end of an ever-changing technology which guarantees its domination through constant innovation," with which the developing nations can never catch up. And if they did, he said, one has to look no further than Japan, Korea and Taiwan to see that joining the industrialized world would not make them "ecologically safer havens." In addition, colonial domination resulted in many Muslim countries "discarding much of the Divine Law ... in favor of secular ... codes which had little to say concerning nature."

The environmental crisis, Nasr said, requires global action. In the West, he said, there is a need "to reformulate a Christian theology of nature," and "dethrone the humanistic conception of man ... Anything short of this death and rebirth of modern Western man is cosmetic as far as the environmental crisis is concerned, and no amount of clever engineering based on the current secular science of the natural order will be able to avoid the catastrophe created by the applications of this science."

The Islamic world, he said, must return to "the perennial wisdom of Islam concerning the natural order," and begin "a critical appraisal of both modern science and scientism." Also, Islamic countries must make laws concerning environmental degradation, "so that environmental laws will be seen by Muslims to be impregnated with religious significance."

Followers of Islam should also begin a dialogue with followers of other religions, to share the Islamic view of nature, and its concept of interrelatedness. In an interdependent world, Nasr said, men and women everywhere must unite "not in an agnostic humanism which kills the Divine in man and therefore veils the reflection of the Divine in nature, but in the one Spirit which manifests itself in different ways in the vast and complex ocean of humanity.

"To rediscover this Spirit and its reflection of oneself is the first essential step. To see the reflection of this Spirit in the world of nature is its natural consequence. Man cannot save the natural environment except by rediscovering the nexus between the Spirit and nature and becoming once again aware of the sacred quality of the works of the Supreme Artisan."

Robert Prescott-Allen: Strategy for sustainability

The next morning in the Chapel came a late addition to the conference schedule, a talk by Robert Prescott-Allen on "Caring for the World: A Strategy for Sustainability," a forthcoming document from the Second World Conservation Strategy Project.

Prescott-Allen is a tweedy fellow of 48, with graying brown hair and moustache, glasses, and a soft British accent. Born in England, he lives in British Columbia. He was introduced by Stephen Trombulak, a professor of biology.

Prescott-Allen said that "in a wink of time, mankind has evolved from regular critters to monsters of the universe." In the movies, he said, spiders and such are blown up to monstrous proportions, but "in the real world, humanity has been blown up to planet killing proportions."

Already, he said, mankind has consumed or destroyed 25 percent of the planet's plant energy. Man is reshaping the earth, replacing forest with farmland, farmland with wasteland, unbalancing the atmosphere, changing climates, destroying species.

And most of that damage has come in the name of Western affluence, an affluence, he pointed out, that is limited to about one fifth of the world. In the remaining four fifths, squalor and misery are the rule.

Our current relationship with the earth, he said, is "unsustainable. We're behaving like creatures from another planet. We must make a daring change."

That change, he said, must be a transition to sustainability. To make the transition, he said, we need an explicit strategy, and "action is required on many fronts.

The solution to one problem requires solutions to all." And like any change, he said, this change is fraught with uncertainty.

Prescott-Allen carried with him to Middlebury the second draft of "Caring for the World," a document he has helped prepare, on behalf of the World Conservation Union, the United Nations Envirnoment Program, and the Worldwide Fund for Nature. After comments are received on this draft, An approved version is to be published in June 1991.

The report calls for mankind to "live within earth's regenerative capacity," Prescott-Allen said.

The report recommends six strategic directions:

1. Transforming attitudes and practices, moving from a utilitarian, market driven way of dealing with nature, to a view that sees humans as part of nature.

2. Building a global alliance. Thinking globally is not enough; we have to act globally as well. True security can come only in building this global alliance, a true partnership. The world is one, but the people of the world are not. There must be an equitable sharing of responsibilities by all communities, with capital and technical assistance coming from the high income societies to the low income.

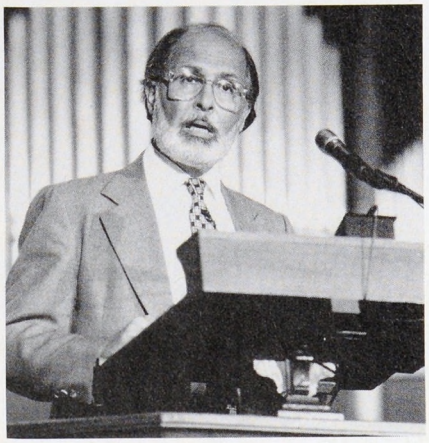
3. Empowering communities. And this means at every level, from local communities right down to individuals. There must be education, training, and the promotion of primary environmental care. Each community must prepare and adopt its own strategies for dealing with the crisis.

4. Integrating environment and development. Sustainability must be the primary goal in discussions of development. And the costs of development must be made to include the true cost, the true price of sustaining whatever resources are involved.

5. Stabilizing resource demand and population. Per capita energy use is now 18 times higher in higher income countries. Forty-two countries with one quarter of the world's population consume three quarters of the commercial energy, while 128 countries with three quarters of the population consume one quarter of that energy. Among the possibilities for stabilizing and then reversing this state of affairs: Replacing sales and income taxes with taxes on consumption of energy and resources. And, of course, population must be brought under control, by at least tripling the supply of family planning assistance globally, and by improving the status of women.

6. Conserving the variety of life. Biodiversity is the watchword, and this includes millions of species that have no apparent economic value. The only way to do this is with international agreements, and community incentives.

There is a need for a world ethic of sustainability, he said. "For the first time in human history, we must be aware of our individual effects on the environment." We can become so, he said, by (1) forming an international coalition for a new world ethic, using the values of all major faiths, and thereby fostering a dialogue on human rights — and, as importantly, human duties; and (2) establishing a system or an organization to get out the word about the world ethic of sustainability, a system that has the ability, and the clout, to compare the actions of governments and industries with those goals.



In addition to the Dalai Lama, the main speakers at the 'Spirit and Nature' conference were, clockwise from top left: Audrey Shenandoah, J. Ronald Engel, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Ismar Schorsch and Sallie McFague.

Prescott-Allen envisions an organization, perhaps called "Advocates for the Earth," that is analogous to Amnesty International, focused on sustainability. Amnesty International, he said, is successful because it has a limited mandate (human rights abuses), and is a genuine grassroots organization, independent and impartial, with no dependence on governments for funding.

The bottom line, Prescott-Allen said, is "changing attitudes and practices. And that's what this conference is all about."

Ismar Schorsch: Learning to live with less

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch spoke that afternoon at 1:30, on the topic of "Learning to Live with Less: A Jewish Perspective." He was introduced by history professor Marjorie Lamberti. Schorsch began by saying that Middlebury "was a magnificent setting for a conference on the environment, and the audience could not be more challenging."

He said that "Continental Airlines helped prepare me for the conference by forced seclusion in an airport. Then Continental, knowing my topic was learning

The Dalai Lama blessed loaves of bread that were then passed around to all those partaking in the common meal on Sunday, after the interfaith service.

to live with less, made me live without my suitcase. Sometimes we preachers have to practice what we preach a little sooner than we expect."

Schorsch said that since the first Earth Day, 20 years ago, "consciousness of the cumulative damage inflicted by human society (industrial and impoverished) on the planet has become acute and global."

Only international cooperation, he said, stands a chance of improving the situation. For those who hope for that cooperation, there could be "nothing more auspicious than the dramatic end to the Cold War," which should eventually allow the release of vast national resources to bring to bear on environmental problems.

"No less encouraging," Schorsch said, "is the growing alliance between scientific and religious leaders on environmental issues," in which "a spirit of collaboration has replaced the instinct for combat." As evidence, he cited an "appeal for a joint commitment in science and religion," issued at a global forum held in Moscow in January of 1990.

What might religion contribute? In the West, he said, where the problem is the result of affluence, the ultimate solution must come from outside Washington, D.C., outside the offices of corporate America. In the U.S., he said, which with 2 percent of the world's population is somehow able to consume 25 percent of the oil used each year, the problem is "a state of mind that venerates the automobile."

"In short, I heartily concur with Wendell Berry when he writes, 'Our environmental problems problems are not, at root, political; they are cultural. Our country is not being destroyed by bad politics; it is being destroyed by a bad way of life.' "

Judaism, Schorsch said, has always intuitively respected the value and the integrity of the natural world. It is not a "natural" religion, but rather one that has constructed laws, theological notions and intellectual values "on the bedrock of a transcendent God concept, the outcome of which is a decidedly modest sense of man's purpose and place in the universe."

In Judaism, he said, freedom is a blessing, and God's commandments are building blocks for a religious community. The meaning in life is to be found in limits, in how we relate to God, to the natural world, and to other human beings.

Schorsch noted that Judaism has "a sensitive set of injunctions against inflicting pain on animals," and includes restrictions on the use of the land, including a call for a sabbatical year, in which the land is allowed to lie fallow, to regenerate itself.

Judaism, Schorsch said, also contains a strain of self-denial, seen most clearly in the injunction, which has its roots in the opening chapter of Genesis, that the absolute cessation of work must distinguish holy days. It forces people "to acknowledge that our dominion is only partial. To spend one seventh of one's life in 'unproductive' rest is scarcely a mark of absolute power."

In Genesis, Schorsch says, we can see how "the stasis of creation is shattered by man and his capacity for evil without end." The Hebrew Bible, he says, "is nothing if not a single, unbroken, heroic struggle by God to protect man from himself. Or as the sign above the life-size mirror in the gorilla house of the Bronx Zoo says with a sting as you stand in front of it after having beheld some of the world's most intimidating beasts, 'You are looking at the most dangerous animal in the world.' "

The goal of Judaism's devotion to limits and moderation is to discipline and purify man, "to effect survival in the here and now through a regimen of plain living. Moses ... restates the essential message of his entire teaching: 'See, I set you before this day life and prosperity, death and adversity ... Choose life.' " Integral to the system of self-restraint, also, "is the vision of man as steward and not overlord, for as the Bible so often avers: The land ultimately belongs to its Creator and we mortals are but tenants."

Judaism is also a religious culture that places a premium on study, Schorsch said: the reading of scripture, and unending interpretation. He sees this not as a plan to turn all Jews into rabbis, but as "a wholesome plea for the cultivation of an inner life that will counter the strains and seductions of prosperity or oppression."

So in Judaism, Schorsch says, "the highest value is not self-worship as expressed in the ferocious consumerism of American life, but a stubborn quest for balance and equilibrium: A measure of inwardness and self-restraint that lifts

one above the grinding materialism of outward concerns."

"Judaism at its best holds out one model — often dismissed or abused in reality — for reining in the appetities of human consciousness — a strain of ascetism blended with a love of learning.

"To learn to live with less in this land of milk and honey will demand of all of us, each in his own way, a rapid expansion of our inner resources."

J. Ronald Engel: On liberal democracy

Later that afternoon, J. Ronald Engel spoke on "Liberal Democracy and the Fate of the Earth." He was introduced by Barbara Bellows, a professor of history at Middlebury.

Engel noted that awakening to the spirit in nature was one of the central themes of the writings of Henry David Thoreau. Today, he said, the same theme is found in the work of Vaclav Havel, the playwright and author who is now president of Czechoslovakia. He quoted Havel's address to the Polish Congress in February of 1990: "We have awakened; now we must awaken those in the West who have slept through our awakening."

Both Thoreau and Havel, Engel said, stand in the liberal democratic tradition, believing that the principles of liberal democracy "express important moral and spiritual truths about the ultimate meaning of life. They believe in what we might call 'the liberal democratic faith.' " This faith, Engel said, has deep and abiding roots in each of world's historic religious traditions.

He said that, along with Thoreau and Havel, he has "grave reservations about liberal democracy as it is known and practiced in contemporary life, especially the *lie* of our modern industrial and consumer way of life masquerading as liberal democracy.

"The thesis of my lecture this afternoon is that the fate of the earth hinges upon our heeding voices such as those of Thoreau and Havel and awakening to the meaning of liberal democracy as comprehensive personal, social and religious faith."

We need to understand four things, Engel said: Why the ecological crisis is a crisis in citizenship; why the crisis in citizenship is a crisis in liberal democracy; why the crisis in liberal democracy is a crisis in the revolution of people; and why the crisis in the revolution of the people is a crisis of faith.

Engel said that if there is a common cause for the ecological crisis, "it is the failure of 'we, the people,' North, South, East and West, to take moral responsibility for our world. ... It follows that the ecological crisis is a crisis of citizenship," our failure to face physical and social limits; to preserve the common good; to share the wealth of the earth; to see how each human society is embedded in a local ecosystem; and to perceive ourselves "as part of the interdependent web of existence."

"If we are not conscious of ourselves as citizens," Engel said, "we will lose the idea of ecology itself. 'Create citizens,' Rousseau said, 'and you will have everything else you need.' "

Engel said that there is, however, a widespread disillusionment with liberal democracy as a concept that can help us deal with life in a post-industrial world. In this view, the liberal democratic tradition is seen as part of the expression of the modern Western world view, which has led to the domination of nature by Western society, and everything associated with nature: women, people of color, indigenous people.

And in fact, he said, liberal democracy as practiced in much of the world is not democratic. It includes no idea of the common good, does not promote a sense of social justice, has no transcendent reference, and so has shattered the unifying holds of our existence — nature and God. Liberal democracy, Engel said, has become "a philosophy for the pursuit of private happiness, not for public citizenship."

But there is an alternative democratic tradition, which Engel called "radical, revolutionary or prophetic liberal democracy." In this tradition, "there are never 'mere' individuals or 'mere' communities," Engel said, "but always individuals-*in*-community, each individual having by nature both the freedom and responsibility to make a unique contribution to the good of the whole. ... We must always speak, therefore, of individual *and* community, rights *and* duties, freedom *and* equality, plurality *and* solidarity, liberalism *and* democracy."

As Havel points out, it was the failure of each person to take responsibility for what he calls "those matters that concern us all" that was the cause of the slide of Eastern Europe into post-totalitarianism. In the same way, the crisis in liberal democracy is the crisis of the moral and social revolutions that have shaped the course of human history, the failure to reach the goal of liberating the world from oppression through responsible self-government.

This failure, Engel said, is a failure of faith. As Havel told the U.S. Congress last February, the West is a long way from realizing the ideal of democracy, because it is "still under the sway of the destructive and vain belief that man is the pinnacle of creation, and not just a part of it, and that therefore everything is permitted"; that it has yet to learn that the salvation of the world lies in a "global revolution of the human consciousness," not in economic growth," and that this change must take place in the conscience of each citizen."

"What Havel is articulating in a contemporary and powerful form," Engel said, "is the 18th century revolutionary belief in 'natural religion.' This faith held that whatever we need to know of the Creator is manifest in the Creation. The moral, spiritual and scientific truths necessary for human beings to live well together and in harmony with the rest of nature are accessible to all."

Liberal democracy does not require a belief in any particular idea of God, Engel said, but there must be a sense of the absolute, of a higher order or authority. "To awaken the liberal democratic faith," he said, "is to awaken to spirit in nature. It is to become a political and ecological revolutionary. For if we hold this faith, 'we the people' have grounds to think for ourselves, to trust our own experience, to trust one another, to trust the world, to believe that what we find good will be preserved in the order of things. And this means *all* of us, including the *least* of us, and it means *all* of nature, including the *least thing* in nature — the fate of the earth and the fate of humanity are one."

Sallie McFague: One square in the quilt

Saturday began with a talk by Sallie McFague. She was introduced by Kate Sonderegger, a professor of religion at Middlebury.

Mead Chapel was again full, with the by now familiar mix of students, faculty, staff; young people and old, even a few children. The size of the crowd could have something to do with the rumor that had been floating around campus that those who attended this lecture would receive tickets for reserved seats in the Field House for the lecture later that morning by the Dalai Lama. Barbara Bellows announced before the lecture that

the rumor was, indeed, true, and received a round of applause.

McFague began her talk by noting that in dealing with the environmental crisis, humanity had seldom "been summoned to a more discouraging task. We are not told that we can make things better or even that we can hold on to what we have; rather we are being warned that unless we change our thinking and our actions immediately and radically we may not even have a planet suitable for decent living, that is, 'life in community.'

"This is indeed a sobering thought, for it appears not to be enough to celebrate the intricate dance of life in all its beauty and richness ... The real sting comes when one takes to heart the revolution this involves in one's daily life, at least for first-world people. It is the particular, concrete daily restrictions and diminishments that cause most people to rationalize and temporize on ecological matters."

The issue, McFague said, is that we don't want to admit how dire the situation is, "or how much we are to blame." But we must "both acknowledge the seriousness of the situation and our responsibility for it."

McFague said that an overemphasis on redemption to the neglect of creation needs to be redressed, and that there should be a renewed emphasis on sin as the cause of much of the planet's troubles, along with "a broad and profound repentance." Sin, she said, is, "as Augustine said centuries ago, 'living a lie,' living in false relations to God and other beings ... it is 'concupiscence,' an insatiable appetite in which one wants to 'have it all' for oneself. Sin is assuming one is the center and that all others exist for one's benefit."

Human responsibility for the fate of the earth is a relatively recent realization, she said, and the loss of innocence is total, "for we know what we have done."

An acknowledgement of this complicity, McFague said, is the first step. "This leads to a second step: the sense of responsibility for helping to preserve a planet still capable of supporting life in community." This, she said, is a universal task, a task for everyone. "We, all of us, are being called to do something unprecedented," she said. "We are being called to think about 'everything that is,' for we now know that everything is interrelated, and that the wellbeing of each is connected to the wellbeing of the whole."

This, she said, suggests a planetary agenda, a universal vocation, not for theologians or any other group alone. This vocation can be summarized, she said, by the rallying cry of the World Council of Churches: peace, justice and the inegrity of creation.

In the past, ecological and justice issues have seemed to be in conflict, she said. Liberation theologies have been concerned with how to change the world; ecological theologies have been concerned with how to *save* the world. But she said that in her view, this is really a widening of the focus of liberation theology, to include not only oppressed human beings, but also "all oppressed creatures as well as the ecosystem that supports all forms of life."

There are, she said, links between the justice and ecological issues, since the domination and destruction of the natural world are inexorably linked to the domination and oppression of people — women, people of color and indigenous peoples.

The planetary agenda, she said, is to think holistically, to find ways to act locally as we think globally, to "find the issue or project of concern to which we will devote our time and talents, or as feminists like to put it, sew the square which each contributes to the common quilt."

She said that theology, for example, would become "an 'earthly' affair in the best sense of the word; that is, it becomes an aid in helping people to live rightly, appropriately, on the earth, in our home."

She said that this planetary agenda cannot be an avocation, something one does in one's spare time. It must be one's vocation, one's central calling. "I leave it for each (vocation) to imagine how they *might* fit, for I believe they in fact *must* fit (if not, their legitimacy is in question)."

Learning to think differently is important, she said, because it usually precedes being able, and willing, to act differently. And one change in our thinking that she feels is in order is the dumping of the portrayal of God as monarch ruling over his kingdom. In this monarchical model, God is seen as king, distant from the world, and so untouchable. God is worldless, and the world is Godless.

This view, she said, as a political model focussed on God governing human beings, leaves out the rest of the earth and its creatures. And since God is the ruler, either through domination or benevolence, this view undercuts human responsibility for the earth.

"What are other possibilities for imaging God's relationship to the world and our place within it?" she asked. "The first question one must ask is: What world? Probably the single most important thing that theologians can do for the planetary agenda is to insist that the 'world' in question, the world in which to understand both God and human beings, is the contemporary scientific picture of the earth."

In the "Big Bang" theory — which holds that the universe began about 15 billion years ago in a huge explosion of matter and energy — we find a picture that shows clearly that everything is interrelated: galaxies, solar systems, planets, all life. And, she said, if we reduce those 15 billion years to one day, humans show up just a few seconds from midnight. "This suggests, surely," she says, "that the whole show could scarcely have been put on for our benefit."

The interrelatedness contained in this scientific model is the key. While it may be hard, she said, for us to feel close to exploding stars, still we are "kissing cousins" of everything on the earth, and are truly brothers and sisters of all other human beings. This creation story is also public, and accessible to all people, rather than only to the adherents of various individual religions. And, McFague said, it can be "re-mythologized" by all religions.

This view of creation is not static, she said, but shows the universe to be a story, with a beginning, a middle and a presumed end. God is a continuing creator, and human beings are co-creators.

So the role of human beings has been de-centered and then re-centered. We are related to all others, to all human beings, and to the entire cosmos. We are part of an ongoing story which we alone understand, and so we alone can have a hand in helping it to flourish. Once one realizes our interconnectedness, McFague said, one sees the world in a new way. One then has a sense of belonging to the earth, and loving it more than one ever thought possible.

In this picture, she said, God is certainly not diminished, but is rather more transcendent, "the creator and continuing creator of this massive, breathtaking cosmic history." God is seen to be "both radically transcendent and radically immanent: both the one and only God as well as the one 'in whom we live and move have our being.' "

This common creation story allows us to recapture our sense of belonging to the earth, and our sense of the whole, and where we fit in it. "To *feel* that we belong to the Earth and to accept our proper

What did Bill Moyers think of the conference? You can tune in on June 5 to find out

For those who couldn't be on campus for the Spirit and Nature symposium, some good news: Bill Moyers was.

Moyers, the broadcast journalist who received an honorary degree from Middlebury last spring, and a crew from his Public Affairs Television filmed the entire four days, and interviewed all of the speakers, for a show that will air on PBS.

The title of the show is still up in the air (though "Spirit and Nature" would seem to be a natural choice), but there is a firm date for the 90-minute broadcast. It will run June 5, 1991, at 9 p.m.

Bill Moyers interviews the Dalai Lama for his PBS special.

place within it is the beginning of a natural piety," McFague said, the sense that "we and all others belong together in a cosmos, related in an orderly fashion, one to the other."

This is our home, McFague said. That's the heart of the matter — "We're not tourists here." We're not fit to live anywhere else. "We'd lost our sense of belonging to the earth," she said, "but now we know we belong, and know it more deeply than any other group of human beings ever has."

So the square in the quilt for one theologian, she said, is the deconstruction of models and metaphors that are oppressive and dangerous to our planet, and the suggestion of alternatives that better reveal the relation of God to the cosmos and our place within that cosmos.

"The planetary agenda is the most serious, most awesome task facing us," McFague said. "It is concerned with whether we live or die, and how well we live, if we do live. ... We now know this, and we know that our time is limited to do what needs to be done.

"The planetary agenda is everyone's agenda. Each of us is called upon to contribute one square to the quilt. As time is short, we had better get about the business of doing so."

The Dalai Lama: The value of compassion

A couple of hours later, the Dalai Lama walked town the central aisle of Nelson Arena, which was jammed with about 4,000 people waiting to hear his speech. And another 1,000 or so watched on a big screen TV in the Pepin Gym.

As he walked, he stopped to exchange greetings, though without words — touching prayer shawls that were held out to him, clasping hands.

Middlebury's new president, Timothy Light, offered words of welcome to the crowd, and Steven Rockefeller introduced the Dalai Lama, who was accompanied to the microphone by a translator.

"Brothers and sisters," the Dalai Lama said, "I'm very happy to be here with you and to come to this place once more. The last few days, I very much enjoyed the various speakers.

"I am not an expert on ecology. You come here with expectations. But essentially I have nothing to offer you. But maybe you'll find *some* benefit, some new idea."

For the rest of his speech, he used the young monk who stood next to him as a translator at least part of the time.

The Dalai Lama spoke about the Buddhist approach to the environmental crisis, in three parts: 1. The Buddhist perception of reality and nature. 2. What kind of attitudes should be adopted based on that perception. 3. And what kind of conduct an individual should adopt.

Developing a correct understanding of reality and nature, he said, requires an application of human reasoning and analysis, taking into account the natural laws of the universe.

The fundamental nature of reality, he said, can be found in a simple quotation: Form is emptiness, and emptiness is form. Superficially, that would seem to be contradictory, he said; how can emptiness have form, or appearance? But the meaning of emptiness is in terms of interdependence. It means "empty of independent existence." All things exist, he said, only as aggregations of many factors, causes and conditions.

This concept is fundamental to the understanding of reality, he said, the interdependence of events and things on thought and conceptions, the dependence on parts that make up the whole.

There is a direct connection, the Dalai Lama said, between understanding ecology and this Buddhist concept of interdependence, because a correct understanding of the subtlest level of interdependence has to do with maintaining balance in the inner world. Buddhists believe that all living beings, human beings or plants or animals, have an innate sense of the self, an innate desire for happiness and to overcome suffering. "Life exists," he said, "on the basis of this hope." And one must recognize our interdependence to find this joy and happiness.

One finds, the Dalai Lama said, that many of the world's religions have as their expressed aim the welfare of the soul after death, or eternal life. But these religions do not necessarily encourage adherents to make more of their present lives.

As for Buddhism, he said, the expressed aim is purification of the mind, and you find that Buddhism stresses the need to find an ideal environment for that work. So one finds spiritual practitioners

blessing the environment — and the environment blessing them. In Buddhism, you find rituals aimed at regenerating the vitality of the earth, and purifying the environment.

In ancient times, the Dalai Lama said, the human ability to disturb nature was very little. Now, it's growing, along with the world's population. Now, he said, we must be careful, and recognize our limits. "Taking care of the planet should be nothing special," he said. "It's like taking care of your own house." He pointed out that the moon, from a distance, is very beautiful. "But if you go there, terrible," he said. "So we have to take care of our planet."

The main troublemaker in the imbalance in nature is us, the Dalai Lama said, and so we must find some way to help correct it. The modern economy has had bad effects on nature. "So, should we close all the factories?" he asked. "Of course, we cannot. There are many benefits." But, no matter how expensive, he said, we have to use whatever methods we can to lessen the impact of development on natural world.

He said he feels that more responsibility lies with scientists to make clear the longterm negative consequences on the environment of our civilization. "Then we should learn in schools," he said. "Even children should study. Even at an early age we should be exposed to that."

Then, he said, in some cases, we may overcome our ignorance, but still we don't act. The lack of will to act can stem from being merely oblivious, or from a lack of courage, or from discouragement: We feel we can't do anything.

"We must have genuine love and compassion," he said, "not looking down at others." With true love and compassion, he said, comes a sense of responsibility, realizing that you have to help reduce suffering — of all beings, not just the ones you like, or those close to you. "Genuine compassion is much stronger and wider," he said. "We need that kind of mental attitude in our daily life ... as a source of hope, a source of happiness, a source of inner strength."

We often use human intelligence in the wrong direction, the Dalai Lama said. What's required is love, along with a sense of responsibility and duty. A mother's mental calmness is important to her unborn child, and then after birth, scientists have found that physical attachment to the mother is very important. We learn best from teachers who show concern for us, who show human affection. We get the best treatment from doctors who show human affection. From birth to death, in all of life, human affection is the key to happiness, he said.

"If you have religion, very good," he said. But without religion, you can survive. But you can't survive without human affection and compassion.

Today, the Dalai Lama said, there is a growing understanding of this need, and how it is important to the solution of environmental problems. There are more and more outlets to organize and implement the changes that are necessary. "This conference is one of them," he said. We won't find a solution (in four days), that's impossible. But it shows we are working on the problem."

A panel discussion: Where to go from here?

That afternoon, all of the participants in the conference got together for a panel discussion, moderated by Steven Rockefeller, and also held in the Nelson Arena, which was about half as full as it had been in the morning for the Dalai Lama's speech.

Rockefeller asked the panelists, "Where do we go from here? How do we, in our own personal lives, and as a society, go about making a difference?"

Seyyed Hossein Nasr said that ecological values are simply part of those values that have descended from God to nature. "My life's work," he said, "is to find out if I can get to the point where I can see the face of God in His creation." He said he tried also "to live with nature, and set a model for those who would follow the same way."

Audrey Shenandoah said she had an advantage, in that she had been raised with a special appreciation of nature, "from as early as I can remember. I didn't learn it at school. I heard this from the beginning of my time: Respect for the earth, for creation, for other people."

Ron Engel said that the job for all of us must be "locating ourselves, comprehensively, directly in response to the fate of this earth. ... Over recent years, I've been making new covenants. I've become aware of the thousands and thousands of human beings who lived on the earth, loved the earth, and never dared to think it might come to an end. I've tried to make a covenant with those people from the past."

He said, too, that he's "made promises to myself, to my wife, and my children, that my work and my life will take this, to the degree possible, as its center."

Sallie McFague admitted that she hadn't been concerned with the environment all her life; her conversion had taken place just a few years ago. But since then, she said, she was seeing the earth differently, "perceiving my place and the place of others differently than before. It needs to happen for all of us." The planetary agenda, she said, "needs to be the central focus of our lives."

Ismar Schorsch said that he tries to help in small ways: not using a computer, listening to music on LPs, rather than buying all-new compact discs, not having an air conditioner in his car, and using the air conditioner at his office sparingly. "A little less self-indulgence probably won't hurt us," he said, "and should make a solid contribution to the ecology." He added that it helped to "consider our children. If we relate global problems to them and their futures, our motivation is profoundly intensified."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama said that once one realizes the longterm negative consequences of the environmental crisis, one takes on another profession. "In my case, I am a Buddhist monk," he said, "but I also try to talk to people about saving the planet."

Rockefeller then asked if it was realistic to think that the world religions were capable of or willing to cooperate on this issue.

The panelists seemed to agree that cooperation is possible, with Engel pointing out that 25 years ago, this conference could not have taken place. "Now," he said, "we're near the point where religions can talk to each other about what each has to offer, and how each might be able to improve." The environment was once a Northern, white, middle-class issue, he said, and many felt it was used to divert attention from social justice issues, such as redistribution of wealth. "Now, other countries are beginning to take the lead," he said, "realizing there can be no progress in these social justice issues if the environment is destroyed."

Confronting a common danger, Schorsch said, could move us closer together, "transcending the particularity of the world's religions."

Nasr pointed out that the effects of changes in the U.S. will be greater than the effects of change in other countries, because of the power and the reach of Western technology. "The West," he said, "must stop sucking the blood out of the non-industrial world. All social prob-

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The Dalai Lama tells the press: Optimism is 'much healthier'

The Dalai Lama arrived in Middlebury on the evening of September 12, and stayed again in Hadley House, the College guest house that overlooks the Ralph Myhre Golf Course. As he was in 1984, he was the guest of Elizabeth Kelly, the former Middlebury dean who's now in charge at Hadley.

The next morning at 10, the Dalai Lama makes his first public appearance, at a press conference at the Kirk Alumni Center. It's a sunny, warm day, with a touch of humidity in the air. The Dalai Lama, several other Buddhist monks and the rest of his entourage arrive at Kirk in two identical maroon Lincoln Town Cars — after a drive of about 300 yards from Hadley House.

There to greet them are reporters, photographers and TV cameras. He walks through the crowd of people, bowing and smiling, his hands together in front of him. He looks not a day older than when he first visited six years ago. He even wears what appears to be an identical outfit — maroon and saffron robes, maroon socks, brown, sensible shoes, and glasses. His hair is cut very short, just this side of a shaved head.

Steven Rockefeller introduces His Holiness to the press, saying that "we here have warm memories of his last visit."

The Dalai Lama then says that he's "very happy to be here once more. I have a fresh memory about my previous visit, so I'm very happy. I'm looking forward to the symposium, which is something very important, so I'm very glad."

Not surprisingly, most of the questions he is asked at the press conference have to do with the environment. One reporter asks whether he believes that science and spiritualism can complement each other.

"I feel, firstly, that science and spirituality both are helping or serving humanity, human beings," the Dalai Lama says. "And I think, you see, spirituality and science, are different ways, but ultimately both should bring benefit to humanity. ... In all human activities, there is no reason to isolate them from other human activities. ... Science and spirituality should be connected, like fingers on the hand. If they are separate, isolated, they are of no use."

The current environmental crisis, he says, is acute, and human beings must act quickly to avert further damage. "After all, we human beings are products of the planet," he says. "The planet is something like our mother. Up to now, our mother planet has been too kind to us. Now, our mother planet indicates there are limitations. She is showing a warning light, saying, 'My children, behave properly and be careful.' "

When asked about the impact of population growth on the planet, he says that if the world utilizes its resources properly, it can support the five billion people that live on the earth. "Now that tension between East and West is much reduced," he says, "large sums of money spent on weapons could be diverted into productive work."

But there is a limit, he says. While Buddhists feel the use of birth control is against nature, still it's in our own interest to control the human population. "The best thing would be," he says, with a smile, "more monks and nuns! That's the best way!" He claps, and laughs, as does his audience.

A reporter tells the Dalai Lama that he sounds optimistic, more so than many people in this country, that developed countries will do what needs to be done to confront the environmental crisis.

"Oh yes," he says. "If you remain optimistic, it's much healthier. If pessimistic, lose hope. Look at the positive side. That's also good for health, it seems."

The environmental crises that we see, he says, will raise our awareness of long-term possibilities for human happiness. "Now we face real crises," he says, "that may act as a trigger to open the human mind." This century, he says, has been the most important in human history. Early in the century, even into the 1950's and '60s, many people thought the ultimate decisions about our world would come through war. Now, he says, there is more thinking about peace. On the environment, it was thought that we could simply use it to the maximum. Now, he says, environmental problems lead us to think about different solutions.

"Human beings are becoming more mature," he says. Within this century, systems of government developed that emphasized central authority. But now everyone realizes, he says, that this concept is completely wrong. They've recognized, he says, that "the only proper way is democracy and freedom. Next century, I think, will bring more happiness, and be more peaceful, more harmonious." — *T.E.*

The Dalai Lama is reunited with Elizabeth Kelly, top; and meets with a group of local schoolchildren, below.

lems of the Third World can't be solved while it is being battered by the Western economy and its technology."

Steven Rockefeller pointed out that there is no neat conclusion to the conference, or to the discussion of the issues it raised. "It's a radical problem that is going to require radical change," he said, "political, and attitudinal, a transformation of society. Only in a transformation of the heart, or the heart-mind as it's called in Eastern religions, will we find a solution. It challenges us to work together."

He then read a question from the audience, and asked the Dalai Lama to handle it: "How can we find the courage to deal with the problems of the coming years?"

"I believe human wisdom and human determination go together," the Dalai Lama said. He told of a recent visit to a leper colony in southern India, in what he was told was a barren land. Many of the people were badly disfigured by the disease, their faces ravaged, their hands left with just one or two fingers. But he found that these people had transformed the land, with fields of crops, gardens, and trees. Their faces, he said, were fresh, full of life. He particularly recalled one leper, encountered in one of the colony's workshops. He was hammering away, though he had just one finger and a thumb. "He hammered so hard, I thought he must surely have all his fingers," the Dalai Lama said. "So this is one example. We human beings, with human intelligence and human determination, can do many things."

An interfaith service, and a common meal

The next morning, the conference ends with an interfaith service in Mead Chapel, at 11, followed by a "common meal." The chapel was packed, with more people than had attended any other single event, save the Dalai Lama's speech. The service included music, readings and comments from most of the participants in the conference.

Tim Light offered a welcome, and a farewell, "to all those who have come from far and near."

Sallie McFague told of seeing a truck bearing the legend, Earthborn Construction. "The sign was only telling the truth," she said. "All of us are earthborn, and intimate relatives of all that is on earth. We should feel at home on the earth ... but Christians have been taught that we should feel more at home somewhere else — heaven. The earth is somehow tainted."

She recalled the headline on an issue of *Scientific American*: "Managing the Planet." She said the earth must be seen as a relative — not as a resource to be managed — "and the most basic relative, the mother and the father of us all. ... It's beyond time to heed the call to love the earth, to liberate the earth from our oppression."

Seyyed Hossein Nasr gave a meditation on two readings from the Koran, which teach that God did not place us here in vain. We may be "passing through the world like members of a caravan for a few fleeting moments," but nature "is not simply the background for this journey." He said the prophet asked, "O Lord, show us things as they really are." If we could see things that way, he said, we would know they "were not brute objects, but signs of God's ubiquitous presence ... Whithersoever ye turn, there is the face of God."

The message, said Nasr, is that "we defile the earth at peril to our immortal souls, as well as to our earthly lives."

The Dalai Lama said that he was happy to have seen the consensus among these representatives of the world's religions to work toward the common goal of saving the planet. "We are now approaching the end of the 20th century," he said, and through the good and the bad experiences, we have gained. "Now, we're turning toward the 21st century, during which I think the human outlook and way of life will be more holistic. And I would like to pray for that." He chants, his hands raised in prayer before him, for several seconds. Then, he simply says, "Thank you," and bows to the audience.

As the crowd files out of chapel, they find that many more people had been standing outside listening to the service on loudspeakers.

Most everyone walks down the hill, picks up bag lunches on their way, and makes their way toward "a great circle"

Steven Rockefeller, the Dalai Lama and President Light at the tree-planting.

roped off on the lawn in front of Munroe. The circle is divided into segments by low white fences. In the center is a large table filled with baskets of bread. People fill up about half of each segment, holding their lunch bags, waiting for the bread to be blessed. The Dalai Lama says a brief prayer over the bread, and then he and the other conference participants pass it out. Everyone eats a small amount and then sits down for their meal. Then a prayer of thanksgiving is read.

A few minutes later, the Dalai Lama, Tim Light and Steven Rockefeller take part in a ceremonial tree planting. The tree, a maple, is described as something that will live for many years, to remind us of this conference, and of the fragility of the natural world.

The conference participants throw soil on top of the roots, and then others join in, picking up handfuls of dirt. It feels like a good thing to have done. On another level, this final act of the conference appeals particularly to one segment of the audience. As one child in the crowd says, "This is something for the kids."

And for the kid in all of us.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Three receive Achievement Awards for '90

During Homecoming Weekend in October, three people received Alumni Achievement Awards, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Middlebury College Alumni Association.

This year's honorees, whose awards were presented at a dinner at the Bread Loaf Inn, are Frances Cornwall Hutner '40, Robert C. Hamilton '81 and Beverlie Conant Sloane '73.

Frances Hutner began her career as an economist and educator as an instructor in economics at Smith College. She subsequently taught at Kenyon College, Rutgers University, Rider College and the Stevens Institute of Technology. For the past 10 years or so, she has brought her expertise to a variety of professional, business and scholarly interests, including service as a director of Central Vermont Public Service and the Connecticut Valley Electric Company, as a trustee of Green Mountain College and, since 1980, as president of the Princeton Research Forum, a group of independent scholars. She is the author of *Equal Pay for Comparable Worth: The Working Women's Issue of the '80s*. She and her husband, Simeon, are parents of five children, two of whom, Daniel '70 and Simeon '81, are Middlebury alums. Hutner was honored for her help in paving the way for women in business and academia, her distinguished career, and her outstanding contributions to the nation's understanding of the economic role of women.

After an outstanding basketball career at Taconic High School in Pittsfield, Mass., **Robert Hamilton** came to Middlebury, where he personified the scholar-athlete. After graduation, he worked briefly at Brandeis as a basketball assistant, and then joined Umana High School, an inner-city school in East Boston, as a coach and a Spanish teacher. Hamilton is now president of the Boston High School Basketball Coaches Association, through which he helped develop Project LEAD, an incentive program in which basketball players receive recognition for improved school attendance and grade point averages. He also helped inspire the Coaches Academic Leadership League, or CALL, which brings together parents, teachers, coaches and students in an effort to turn athletes into student-athletes and, ultimately, scholar-athletes. He has been honored by the City of Boston and by the Northeastern University Center for the Study of Sport in Society, which presented him with the "Giant Steps Award." Hamilton was honored for his dedication to the development of the young people of East Boston, seen in his commitment to keep them growing in spirit and self-esteem.

At the Homecoming Weekend dinner, the Alumni Achievement Award winners for 1990 were, from left, Beverlie Conant Sloane '73, Frances Cornwall Hutner '40 and Robert C. Hamilton '81.

Beverlie Sloane is the director of health education for Dartmouth College's Health Service, and has been a leader in the area of sex education among college students nationally. Her concern for sex education among college-age students began when she was still a Middlebury student, when she conducted sex education "road shows" in the dorms as part of an effort to prevent unwanted pregnancies. Now in her 11th year at Dartmouth, she's responsible for what she describes as "everything from stress, nutrition and fitness to sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll." She is also an assistant professor of Community Family Medicine at the Dartmouth Medical School, where she has co-taught, with her husband David, a class on the history of medicine. She has been honored by the Dartmouth community, and the Educational Press Association presented her with an award for her 64-page book, "Partners in Health," a publication for college students that deals with reproductive health issues. Sloane was honored for her leadership in the campus fight against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for her contribution to the greater understanding of these problems, both at Dartmouth and nationally.

FAMILIES

MARRIAGES

Nancy Storer '73 and Stefaan Lambrechts on July 30, 1990; 8 Vine St., Beverly Farms, MA 01915.

Karen Amirault '77 and Dean Corren in July 1989; 92 Brookes Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.

Eleanor Duvivier '81 and Michael Dunn on October 14, 1989; 2458 Delmer St., Oakland, CA 94602.

Patty Bagett and **Josh Horowitz** '81 on August 4, 1990; 2829 Bonnie Lane, Stockton, CA 95204.

Jennifer O'Brien and **Brett Berman** '82 on April 28, 1990; 3460 Simpson St., #903, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 2J4.

Mary Gard and **Paul Cramer** '82 on July 7, 1990; 206 Massachusetts Ave., #7, Arlington, MA 02174.

Lisa Ware and **Andy Regan** '82 on June 30, 1990; 13994 East Arizona Ave., Aurora, CO 80012.

Helen Carpenter '84 and Charlie Bodell on June 16, 1990; 375 Power Road, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

Sara Grove '84 and James Macaulay on July 2, 1988; 921 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02115.

Lisa Wilcox and **Hamilton Hackney** '84 on June 23, 1990; 1784 Jasmine, Denver, CO 80220.

Susan Hansen '84 and Jack Reagan on October 7, 1989; 93 Glenbrook Road, #206, Stamford, CT 06902.

Lainey Lynch and **Rick Makin** '84 on September 29, 1990; 93 River Bank Road Carriage House, Stamford, CT 06903.

Caroline Rosen '84 and Greg DeBois on July 22, 1990; 568 Willow Court, Benicia, CA 94510.

Barbara Dill and **Rich Smith** '84 on June 18, 1990; 1400 S. Joyce St., #B1605, Arlington, VA 22202.

Rosibel Herrera and **Rich Woodward** '84 on September 1, 1990, in Venecia, Costa Rica.

Cynthia Martin and **David Brown**, both '85, on August 25, 1990; 502 University Ave., #2L, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Karen Clark and **Ware Kuschner**, both '85, on January 28, 1989; 100 Bennett Ave., #2, New York, NY 10033.

Shelagh Connor '85 and Jerry Shapiro on June 3, 1990; 303 Sugartree Lane, So. Burlington, VT 05403.

Betsey Herdman and **David Goldstein**, both '85, on August 25, 1990; 1591 Jackson St., #19, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Elizabeth Needham '86 and **Matthew Dawson** '85 on June 9, 1990; 66 Linden Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Lindsey Kalat '85 and Enrico Margaroli on May 8, 1990; 280 Riverside Drive, #9G, New York, NY 10025.

Betsey Ahlberg '85 and Andy Priest on August 4, 1990; 395 Round Hill Road, Greenwich, CT 06831.

Liz Dashnaw '85 and **Steve O'Brien** '87 on June 9, 1990; Rt. 1, R-209, Williamsburg, MA 01096.

Cordelia Pitman and **Winslow Furber**, both '85, on June 16, 1990; P.O. Box 1224, York Harbor, ME 03911.

Amy Hurite and **Alan MacDonald** '85 on August 11, 1990; 9908 Greenock Road, Silver Springs, MD 20901.

Lisa Ecclestone '86 and **Peter "Lars" Erdmann** '85 on October 13, 1990; 201 E. 69th St., #15-B, New York, NY 10021.

Amy Welles and **Geoff Kahler** '86 on August 5, 1990; 389 Round Hill Road, Greenwich, CT 06831.

Pam Lawson '88 and **Erin Quinn** '86 on June 23, 1990; P.O. Box 414, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Language Schools

Scott Travis Hutchison (M.A. English '87) and Gail Katherine Webster on July 21, 1990. The couple will reside in Laconia, N.H.

Abner Oakes IV (M.A. English '87) and Lolly Jewett on September 4, 1990.

NEW ARRIVALS

A daughter, Erica, joined Pat Tjaden and **David Fox** '71 on July 12, 1990.

A daughter, Claire Anne Webel Bovet, joined **Suzanne Webel** '71 and Ray Bovet on July 29, 1990.

A son, Andrew Joseph-John, joined Sarah and **Andrew Petto** '72 on January 21, 1988.

A daughter, Emily, joined Kate and **Gavin Cullen** '72 on February 15, 1990.

A daughter, Katherine, joined Diane and **Chris Gent** '72 on May 10, 1990.

A son, Sam, joined **Lesley Cadman** '73 and Jim Catalano on July 19, 1990.

A son, Jacob Alperin Hyman, joined Betsy Alperin and **John Hyman** '78 on May 1, 1990.

A daughter, Katherine Anne, joined **David** and **Anne Orrick Barton**, both '79, on September 28, 1989.

A son, Jeffrey, joined **Kate Pillsbury** '79 and Dale Sogge on May 21, 1990.

A son, Max, joined Jochen and **Susie Estes Wolter** '80 in March 1990.

A daughter, Henley, joined **Donald** '78 and **Heidi Hunter Siegrist** '80 on October 2, 1989.

A daughter, Katherine Eliza, joined John and **Macy Lawrence Ratliff** '80 on July 11, 1990.

A daughter, Charlotte Deirdre, joined Stephen and Polly Smith Bates '81 on December 11, 1989.

A son, James IV, joined **Jim** '82 and **Madeleine Butterfield Bass** '84 on June 22, 1990.

A daughter, Elizabeth, joined Linda and **Trum Soule** '82 on July 16, 1989.

A daughter, Rachel Kathleen, joined **John** and **Hannah Felton Lyons**, both '82, on June 1, 1990.

A daughter joined Peter and **Karen Elliott Johnson** '85 on April 10, 1990.

Language Schools

A daughter, Rachel Graf Evans, joined **Melissa Graf-Evans** (M.A. '78 and faculty) and Jon Evans, on August 23, 1990.

A son, Thomas Leonard McDonnell, joined **Charles J.** (English M.A. '87) and **Leslie Brooks McDonnell** (English M.A. '88) on August 25, 1990.

THE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Patricia Frech (M.A. '70) has joined the English faculty at the high school in Belfast, Maine. ...**Marcia Zahn Smith** (M.A. '62), an English teacher at South Jefferson Central High School, was named a 1989 English Teacher of Excellence by the New York State English Council. She was recognized as "a teacher who, through example, has encouraged a love of literature and language in students, has facilitated student learning and has enriched student lives." ...The Franklin, Mass., Public Library Bicentennial Commission invited **Christine Hemp** (M.A. '86) to read from her poems and conduct a children's poetry workshop during September. In addition to writing and reading poems, Christine teaches in the Harvard University Extension Program. ...**Robert Low** ('89 and '90) is teaching English at Avon Old Farms School in West Hartford, Conn., Georgian Court College of Lakewood, N.J., has hired Ronald R. Stoj (M.Litt. '78) as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. ...**Charles J. McDonnell** (M.A. '87) has a new position as instructor of English at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, S.C. (Also see "New Arrivals.") ...**Eric**

David Loring (M.A. '80) is a faculty member in the English department at Scottsdale, Ariz., Community College, where he teaches composition, literature, creative writing, and film and literature. He is involved in an innovative program in which psychology and composition are linked together. Eric enjoys reading about "old" Bread Loaf friends in this column and would like to hear from **Elena Brandt** (M.A. '81) and **Elizabeth Peaslee Ousley** (M.A. '83).

FRENCH

A note from Vonceil Coleman (M.A. '89) reported that she is not the only Middlebury alum at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. **Glandine McLaughlin** (M.A. '61) is the new head of the department of foreign languages and **Allen Osgood** (M.A. '49) teaches French and is active in the Alliance Francaise. ...Brother **Dominic Fontaine** (M.A. '65) has been awarded a doctoral degree by the Union Institute, a university offering interdisciplinary plans of study for experienced adults. Working in the field of counseling psychology, Br. Dominic focused on Roman Catholic priests and religious brothers recovering from alcohol abuse. ...**Lyn Kirkconnell** sends greetings from Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she now lives and works in the Maryknoll Brazil Unit. She expects to work in women's movements, adult literacy, theological formation and Bible study, in this area of extreme poverty. ...Vermont has lured **Audrey Tarchine** (M.A. '56, DML '74) back to its hills. She has relocated to Waitsfield, Vt. (P.O. Box 1027) after 29 years of teaching French, Spanish and Italian and serving as department chair at Hendrick Hudson High School in Westchester County, N.Y. ...**Virginia Tripp** ('65) is teaching French at Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood, N.H. ... A novel by **Barbara Mujica** (M.A. '65), *The Deaths of Don Bernardo*, has been published by the Floricanto Press (16161 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 830, Encinco, CA 91436-2504). The novel, Mujica's first, is set in Peru during the rise of the Indianist movement at the beginning of the century. Mujica, a professor of Spanish at Georgetown University, is a widely published author whose work has appeared in newspapers, magazines and literary journals. She is the author or editor of about 30 books on Hispanic literature, culture and language, and her short story, "Women," was recently nominated for the Pushcart Prize for Fiction.

GERMAN

New Hampshire State Prison Warden Michael Cunningham (M.A. '72) did not stop studying after he earned his Middlebury degree. He went on to earn a master's degree in criminal justice while he was in charge of the Army prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. And now he has completed his M.A. in sociology through Harvard University's School of Continuing Education. His research focused on reducing the prison recidivism rate through holding inmates responsible for their own lives; his research laboratory was close at hand and his results were encouraging. ...**Bruce Heilmer** (M.A. '84) has been appointed administrative director of the European Council on Alcohol Research, Rehabilitation and Education, located in St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, Great Britain.

ITALIAN

Karen de la Motte (M.A. '80) has completed her doctorate in Italian literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she has been teaching Italian since 1984.

SPANISH

The faculty of Bethune-Cookman College awarded their 1990 Certificate for Excellence in Teaching to **Gertrudis Caminero** (D.M.L. '82), who has taught at the college for the past six years. She was instrumental in establishing a language requirement at the college, reinstating a major in the area of modern language and establishing a study abroad program. ...**Robert Robison** (M.A. '74) has moved from Foxboro, Mass., to Columbus, Ohio, where he is the supervisor of foreign languages for the city school system, including 55 schools, 66,000 students, and 150 instructors teaching nine languages. ...**Ludie Soderman-Roman** (M.A. '89) is now at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn., where she teaches Spanish, coaches JV softball, advises the yearbook staff and serves as a dorm resident.

RUSSIAN

The Slavic department at the University of Pittsburgh is planning to publish a volume dedicated to the memory of the late **Ivan Venediktovich Elagin** (Faculty), with publication scheduled for February 1992. Potential contributors are invited to contact Dr. Melissa T. Smith, Dept. of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH 44555. Especially welcome would be unpublished or little-known material relating to Elagin's life and work, reminiscences, poetry dedicated to him, and articles about his work.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Mark E. Hurvitt ('85) is the principal of the Stratton School in Kingfield, Maine.

OBITUARIES

1934

VIRGINIA RONSAVILLE, M.A. French, 86, of Washington, D.C., on September 21, 1990. She graduated from George Washington University and taught French for many years in the Washington, D.C., school system.

1937

RUBY G. CRUMM, English, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., on September 2, 1990.

1948

OLIVER BUTTERWORTH, M.A. English, 75, of West Hartford, Conn., on September 17, 1990. A Dartmouth graduate, he taught writing and literature at Hartford College for Women for 41 years. He was well known for his children's books, including *The Trouble with Jenny's Ear*, *The Narrow Passage* and *The Enormous Egg*, which has been produced on television and performed as a play.

1953

LOVAT COOPER-ELLIS, M.A. English, 70, of Putney, Vt., on August 2, 1990. A graduate of Harvard College, he worked in the admissions office at Harvard and was a college advisor and English teacher at the Putney School.

1967

JOHN D. MARR, M.A. German, 57, of Charlottesville, Va., on August 1, 1990. He held a B.A. degree from Williams College and M.A. degrees from Harvard University and the University of Virginia, as well as from Middlebury. Marr taught German and French and coached football, wrestling and baseball at Governor Dummer Academy in Massachusetts and at Woodbury Forest School in Virginia. After serving as assistant headmaster of the Hampton Roads School in Virginia, he became a realtor in the mid-1970s.

1978

DOLORES M. LANDREMAN, Writers' Conference, of Columbus, Ohio, on January 19, 1988.

1989 & 1990

PAUL L.A. VAN MARX, Spanish, French, 24, of Darien, Conn., on August 27, 1990. A graduate of the Hotchkiss School and Trinity College, he was planning on a teaching career and was scheduled to attend Middlebury's program in France at the time of his death.

FACULTY

JEAN CARDUNER, 64, on August 18, 1990. Jean Carduner was a professor of French at the University of Michigan and served as director of the Middlebury French School from 1972 to 1986. A native of Brittany and a major figure in the French teaching profession for more than 30 years, Professor Carduner had served as president of the AATF and chair of the American Council on French Social and Cultural Studies. An expert on Andre Malraux, he was also the author and co-author of books and articles on language teaching and the teaching of civilization. Under his leadership, the French School developed the first two-week workshops, and he has been instrumental in the implementation of the graduate intern program.

"Jean was a wonderful colleague: thoughtful and witty, devoted and loyal to both faculty and students," said Edward C. Knox, who served for many years as dean of the French School with Professor Carduner. "I can think of few colleagues at major universities who care so much about the quality of teaching and the relevance of program. He touched everyone in a personal way, and in losing him our profession is truly diminished." Said Stephen Freeman, former director of the Language Schools, "We are very saddened by the death of Jean Carduner. He was greatly admired by the faculty and students of the French School. He was first invited to come to Middlebury as a visiting lecturer in the summer of 1971 and then accepted the appointment as director of the French School, succeeding Dr. Jean Boorsch, and served with great success. He is especially remembered here for his friendliness, his sense of humor and his informal personal helpfulness. We are ever grateful for his keen interest in Middlebury, as evidenced by his frequent return visits after his retirement, including last summer to participate as his daughter Isabelle received her D.M.L. degree. We mourn his untimely death, and express our deep sympathy to his wife Sylvie and their family." Professor Carduner is survived by his wife, Sylvie; two daughters, Isabelle and Marianne; a son, Olivier; a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

THE CLASSES

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Class Secretary: *Miss Ruth A. Hesselgrave, c/o Mrs. Polly U. Kahler, 2805 SW 14th St., Ocala, FL 32674.*

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Julius Kroeck (Elsa Holmstrom), 376 Central St., Acton, MA 01720.*

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Allen C. Clifford (Catherine Robbins), 15 Carver St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), 82 Athelstane Road, Newton Center, MA 02159.*

Arthur Ferry, who recently celebrated his 88th birthday, writes that he is aiming to better the record of a grandfather who lived to be 100. Arthur has been an "ardent birder" ever since his Boy Scout days when he earned a merit badge in birding. He also adds parenthetically that he became the fourth Eagle Scout in America. He keeps busy: "I still swim all summer. A year ago I wrote a show which I produced to the enthusiastic applause of the residents here [Heath Village, Hackettstown, N.J.]. The theme was a camp of hobos. Lots of laughter. Lately I wrote another show about the Fourth of July in a small town. The scenario is the goings-on in the town of Wayne, Pa., where I grew up. I sing with a quartet here and lead the singing on other occasions. This is a very comfortable community for old folks to live in—beautiful rugged country. I enjoy getting the material sent out by Midd. I had corresponded with **Paris Fletcher** before his death." ...**Frances Smith** has developed a heart condition which she says makes her feel "very limp," but, she adds, "I am fortunate not to have had it before. I am going to have my house painted this summer—it gives one such a lift but costs a million!" ...**Louise Burnham Soule** and her husband are living at The Willows in Westborough, Mass. As members of the New England Rose Society, they have a garden of 36 rose bushes which were thriving until recently. The winter of '89-'90 was not a kind one to roses and they have had to replace nearly half their plants. Now in the heat of the summer (when this is being written), they have been struggling with Japanese beetles. "The best thing is to pick them off which means constant work in the garden," she writes. But they are persisting and enjoy sharing the beauty of their roses with friends. ...Your secretary, in browsing through some class records, finds that of the 40 known graduates of our class still living, 18 were born in Vermont and a number of others are New Englanders, if not Vermonters. We are survivors! Two of us claim a grandparent who lived to 100 years or more. Are there others? At the present time, eight classmates are living in Vermont and 16 reside in other New England states. Middlebury is still a magnet for all of us.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald D. Fredrickson (Dorothy Johnson) 199 Central Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940, and Mrs. Arthur A. Headley (Dorothy Tillapaugh), 648 Forest St., Apt. B, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.*

Back at Allen after the All-Class Reunion dinner last June, seven of the eight Class of '25 members attending Reunion were comfortably relaxing in a small lounge, when **Dot Johnson Fredrickson** told us that **Don Banks** could no longer carry on as a class secretary. The prolonged illness of his wife, Dot, putting him in service as nurse and housekeeper in addition to his other responsibilities, made this one job too many—much as he has enjoyed the many contacts with Middlebury classmates. After talking about the classmates who were not there and considerable prodding of those present, it was decided that **Dot Tillapaugh Headley** should be "it." There was no election—she was simply drafted! Since "the two Dorothys" keep in touch anyway, "why not let them do it." In spite of difficulties and lack of time, Don Banks has done a terrific job. During the five years he and Dot Fredrickson were secretaries, they were responsible for 20 newsletter columns,

High Notes

Arne Bulkeley Beltz '38 has been honored for her work in health care services in Alaska. In 1981 she received the Alaska Public Health Association's Health Service Award. And now the Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services Building has been renamed the Arne Beltz Health and Human Services Building. Arne has served as the supervisor of the Fairbanks Health Center, as an itinerant health nurse for several areas, and as manager of the Community Health Services in Anchorage.

Charles (Red) Allen '29 manages a forest in New Hampshire which was recently selected as the "Number One Tree Farm in Hillsborough County for 1989."

Evelyn Adriance Miles '38, a photographer, recently displayed her black and white photographs at the University of Maine and the Orono Public Library. She was cited for demonstrating that "the essence of art surrounds us. We have only to see it and share it."

Roger Easton '43 is a director of a firm producing cesium clocks for satellites. He is also a trustee for Craftsbury Academy in Vermont where, last summer, he helped plant the first of 101 "Liberty" elms, a resistant elm variety developed to replace the elm trees destroyed by the Dutch elm disease.

Marjorie Mullen '49 helps to keep four cameras rolling simultaneously for the television program *Murphy Brown*. She also does free-lance work on feature films.

Charles Robinson '56 has been elected president of the Rehabilitation Technology Association, a national organization concerned with technological applications to vocational rehabilitation. Charley spends his time as a consultant to agencies in several states, developing computer software to facilitate the delivery of services to handicapped people.

Bob Jones '59 was recently named the "best economic prognosticator of the past year" by *Institutional Investor* magazine. Bob, founder and chairman emeritus of MMS International, was one of 50 leading economists to predict where four interest rates — 90-day commercial paper, prime rate, seven-year Treasury note and 30-year Treasury bond —would land at the end of the year. His defeated competitors included the top economist from Merrill Lynch and the Boston Company.

Reed Coughlan '70, associate professor at the Utica Unit of SUNY Empire State College, has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Brad Gordon '72 was featured in an article in the May 1990 issue of *HG Magazine*, profiling his unique needlepoint designs for upholstery and rugs. A recent series consisted of needlepoint canvases made to look like animal skins. He has also done a set of 10 chairs upholstered in leopard skin designs.

Michael Williams '74 writes fantasy novels for TSR, creators of the Dungeons and Dragons games. His *Weasel's Luck*, published in 1988, was nominated for a World Fantasy Award and has been translated into Spanish and Japanese. A sequel, *Galen Beknighted*, is about to come out, along with *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, the first of a trilogy called *From Thief to King*, which will be published by Warner Books.

Bruce Moseley '75 spent three weeks in Columbia last year in conjunction with the Partners of the Americas Program, which promotes cultural exchanges between Latin and North America. Bruce is the registrar at Historic Deerfield, Inc., a museum of New England history and art in Deerfield, Mass.

Lynn Fisher Waldo '76 was elected 1990 Teacher of the Year by the faculty of Woodstock, Vt., Union High School. Lynn teaches algebra, geometry, calculus and topics in enriched math.

John McLendon '80 is working in the legal department of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit organization dedicated to the elmination of poverty housing in the U.S. and around the world.

Bill Davis '80 runs a Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife program to revitalize that state's bald eagle population. Adult birds nesting in the state are now known to number 10.

Kathy Carlson '83, harpsichordist, has been touring Europe, both as a soloist and as part of a quartet comprised of harpsichord, violin, cello and recorder.

from which a few statistics emerge. There are now 34 class members (seven men, 27 women). During this period, news items in the letters included 26 different members, some of them frequently. Letters were printed from 11 members who wrote to share experiences with us all. Stories of interesting happenings or campus escapades involving class members were in more than half these letters. Some of the best of these were credited to no one but I detect signs in at least four suggesting that they were authored by Don himself. What a talent and what a guy! Don, we salute you and we thank you and Dot Fredrickson for giving us, your classmates, so much enjoyment. One more statistic. YOU are the one who can tell your classmates about YOU. They really would enjoy knowing about you. Write or phone either of "the two Dorothys" and tell us about you now or you in the '20s or an event or story you can share about those always-remembered days at Middlebury. ...**Helen Newton Ehlert** saw **Evelyn Plumley Adams** on two different occasions last summer. Evelyn is getting along well and got to Vermont twice during the summer, to see her daughter Emily and to spend some time at the summer home on North Hero which she and **Ernie** had enjoyed so much. Evelyn also stopped in Brattleboro to see **Kay Stockwell Geehr**. Kay was quite well again after not being able to come to Reunion as she had planned. Helen is enjoying being back in Vermont, living with her sister, Louise Adams, in Rutland, after being in Michigan for many years. She reports that **Isabell Marshall Howard** and her husband have been summering at their old family home near Rutland. ...A phone visit with **Bea Stevens McElwain** let us know she is still living in the Foxborough, Mass., home she shared with her late husband, Alex. She still enjoys gardening and her flowers are proof of the many hours spent there. Her son, John, is back in the States after living in Majorca for some time. She enjoys having him drop in now and then. A grandson who graduated from Hobart last spring plans to go on to Northeastern to work for his master's in criminal justice. She had no serious injuries from a fall last spring, but a head bump and a banged-up knee kept her quiet for a time—long enough to prevent her coming to Middlebury for our reunion, but not enough to keep her from a fun trip to New Hampshire later in the summer when she rode the cable car to the summit of Mount Washington for the first time. As usual, there was snow on the mountaintop, but there was little wind and brilliant sunshine made it a special day. ...**Dot Fredrickson** spent several August weeks visiting her sister, Lorna, in Portland, Maine, and her sister-in-law, Beatrice Johnson, in Byfield, Mass. (near Newburyport where Dot grew up), as well as attending the Johnson family reunion at Chauncey Creek near Kittery, Maine. Of the more than 30 Johnsons who attended, six were Middlebury graduates. ...**Don Banks** reports life is a little easier now that he has found a woman to come in and help with cooking and cleaning. Dot is better, getting up and around the house, working hard to develop strength enough to get outdoors. ...**Dot Headley**'s son, Dave, stopped by after taking granddaughter Beth to Appalachian State Univ. for her first year in college. Said Dave, "Mom, you just can't imagine how different it is from 30 years ago!" My quick retort: "You can't imagine what it was like to be a freshman at Middlebury 69 years ago!" Hardly aware I'd spoken, he went on, "Why, Beth not only has a telephone in her dormitory room as I did, but she also has an answering service!" You must remember something special about telephone services in our dormitories when you were a Middlebury student. How about sharing! I'll begin by sharing a story with our Christmas greeting, since you will be reading this at about Christmas time: Sixty-eight years ago, all Middlebury sophomore women were assigned rooms in private homes in town. "The two Dorothys" as they soon came to be called, were domiciled with Professor and Mrs. Burrage in their pleasant home on Storrs Avenue, just off campus. We were treated as their own (well, almost) as we also were by their next-door neighbors, Professor-Emeritus Charles Baker Wright and Mrs. Wright. Long after college days, we kept in touch and treasured fond memories. Dr. Wright, a dedicated, much-loved teacher of English literature and a writer, at least once wrote a poem for their Christmas greetings. Years later, a card came from their daughter, Marjory (Wright) '15 and her husband, Bill Upson, a short-story writer featured by the *Saturday Evening Post*. Pictured on a snow-frosted hill was Mead Chapel with glowing entrance and steeple lights, silhouetted against a twilight-blue sky. Inside was printed the poem and a note explaining that it had been the Christmas greeting of Charles Baker Wright and Clara Alexander Wright in 1930:

The Chapel Chime

The sun has sunk behind the hills,
And darkness settles down;
The holy hush of Christmas eve
Broods o'er the town.

And now upon the vibrant air,
As mindful of the time,
The bells beneath the beacon light
Ring out a Christmas chime.

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by."—
The loveliest of Christmas hymns,
It rises to the sky.

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around."—
A glory fills our heaven too,
Responsive to the sound.

"It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold."—
O happy we to whom anew
The glorious tale is told.

And may the notes be carried on,
In carol and in hymn,
Beyond the stream, beyond the hill,
Beyond the mountain's rim,

Till Middlebury's children all,
Howe'er remote their clime,
Shall hear the song the angels sang,
And bless the chapel chime.
—*C.B.W.*

"The two Dots" send it forth again, to greet their Middlebury classmates this Christmas of 1990.

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth Goodale Murray, R.R. 1, Box 396, Perkinsville, VT 05151, and Lindley W. Robinson, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.*

Francis Irons, who was 89 on August 8, is already looking forward to his 90th birthday in 1991. He is active physically, walks around his spacious grounds and is still driving his car. He hopes to attend our 65th Reunion in 1991. ...**Doris Houston** is active at the Stowe Art Center where they recently held a series of art exhibits featuring different places in New England. In winter there is a skiing exhibition. Doris enjoys talking with a variety of interesting people there. ..."Ric" and Erma Wright Ricard '37, of Carsonville, Mich., and "B.G." (their Yorkshire terrier) drove up in August from Athol, Mass., accompanied by Erma's sister, Avis, to see **Betty Goodale Murray** and her Chinese pug, "Salesman." The Ricards picked Betty up on September 21 en route to the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf Inn at Ripton. ...**Walter Thompson**, now a widower, has given up driving and says he leads a very quiet life in Saxton's River. He would be delighted to hear from Middlebury friends. ...I (Betty) keep thinking back to the years when **"Bill" Rice** and I were co-secretaries of our class and to a letter written me after Bill's death by his daughter, Jeanne Rice Phelps '52 (Mrs. John R. Phelps of Niagara Falls, N.Y.). She wrote: "Middlebury has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. We even had Middlebury wallpaper in our dining room and Dad papered his office with the same pattern. He loved the College so much and enjoyed his years there so that nothing could ever dim his happiness and his many experiences and memories. My parents went back and forth so often that my mother, Viola, and my aunt, **Shorty Rice**'s wife, were made honorary members of the Class of 1926." How many people happen to know someone who has Middlebury wallpaper in a room in their home or office? ...Helen and **Stanley M. Sargeant** have sold their home of 17 years in Vincentown, N.J., and moved to an all care health facility known as Harvest Village. Their address is 144 Hayes Mill Road, #C-213, Atco, NJ 08004. They celebrated their 60th anniversary in June and would be pleased to hear from classmates. In response to my plea for news, Stan replied: "I have many fond memories of Middlebury; my serving on the Interfraternity Council, as circulation manager of our '26 *Kaleidoscope*, and a camping trip on the Long Trail with Prof. Voter. I was a chemistry major. After graduation I assisted my father in running a small pharmaceutical business and had to take over the business when my father became ill with cancer. I married in 1930. In 1935 **Russell Seavey** influenced us to come to Lake Seymour and build a cottage which he designed. In 1974 we moved from East Orange to Highland Mills, N.Y. I helped write a zoning ordinance, then served 19 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals. When I retired I received a plaque for having served so long. In 1965, having sold our cottage, I missed Vermont so much we became interested in a six-family apartment house in Woodstock. I managed the apartment house until June of 1988 when I had a buyer and sold it. Again sadly I have to admit the trip was becoming a bit too much. I guess in this life all good things have to come to an end. Well, Betty, I tried to live up to my agreement and write something. Our very best wishes to you and everyone, but am afraid the distance is just too great to attend our Reunion." ...**Chester V. Grant** died at his home in California last spring. Chet was for many years an executive with the National City Bank of New York, in charge of branches of that bank in the Far East. He was unfortunate to be in Manila when the Japanese captured that city early in World War II and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner in Corregidor. After the war he rejoined NCB in their foreign service until his retirement.

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Class Secretary: *Howard Cutler, Indian Chase Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830.*

Charles O. Adams sent in his news notes solicitation sheet without comment, but he gave his present address as 55 Seymour St., Middlebury, VT 05753. ...**Julia B. Austin** has been away from the "driver's seat" since

ALUMNI CALENDAR

January 17-27	Alumni Tour / Costa Rica / Professor Stephen Trombulak
January 18-20	Alumni Winter Weekend / Middlebury
January 24	Reception to meet President Light / Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford
February 1-10	Men's lacrosse team travels to England
February TBA	Reception to meet President Light / Florida
February 19	Dinner honoring Pardon Tillinghast / Middlebury
March 26	Reception to meet President Light / Philadelphia
March 27	Reception to meet President Light / Washington, D.C.
April 17	Reception to meet President Light / San Francisco
April 18	Reception to meet President Light / Denver
April 28	Men's Alumni Lacrosse Game / Middlebury
June 1-2	Reunion Weekend / Middlebury

July 1, and shortly thereafter had a cataract removed "from my otherwise good eye." What might have been a long summer passed quickly for her as many friends came to her rescue when needed. Her sister-in-law was with her the first week and came over every day after that. Later in summer, she was planning to attend a family reunion in the Catskills. Her advice is: "Don't give up merely because we are old enough for cataracts, etc. My love to all of you. Judy." According to the director of alumni records, she attended the Tri-State Luncheon at Middlebury on August 9. ...**Scott A. Babcock** rejoices in three grandsons—all six feet or more tall and all redheads! He characterizes his wife, Helen, as "wonderful," and notes that each passing day brings us one day nearer to next spring. ...Maxwell '26 and **Eleanor Jackson Brenton** are still at 6 Westwood Ave., #105D, Tequesta, FL 33469 to which they moved when they left Needham, Mass. They are enjoying all the activities (including trips) of their condominium. Eleanor also does water aerobics to keep fit. ...**Lora Batchelder Ewing** is still enjoying good health, piano playing and singing. She and Clifton were anticipating a *QE 2* trip to Europe for four months, most of which they were spending in Austria where they lived for many years. Her husband is busy making furniture for their 11 grandchildren, as they establish homes. ...**Edna Graham Hinds**, writing from Binghamton, N.Y., commented that summer finally arrived in August, being quite cool prior to that. They enjoyed the local symphony program in June and, in August, a local presentation of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Patience*. They have friends in for lunch and enjoy the area's cafes and restaurants for dining out. ...**Elga Maxfield Winans** reports no special news—"just a wonderful, quiet life here. Gardening, golf and lots of friendly people. Enjoy reading the class notes." ...**Eva Menotti Fitzgerald** sends "very best wishes for a happy holiday season to all the members of the Class of 1927. Take each day at a time and enjoy it fully! That's what I try to do." ...If 1927 has a Great Grandchild Club, **Lucile ("Sis") Norton Grimes** would like to apply for membership. She became a great-grandmother to Megan Rachel Smith on July 10. Although she was sorry to miss the wedding of her oldest grandson in Orlando, Fla., on July 21, she did enjoy the video recording of that event. Writing in August, Sis was anxious to see the end of the "3 H" weather. ...James and **Edith Markwell Hawley** reported a wonderful trip to Hawaii last April in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Three different groups helped them celebrate one weekend in August, leaving them "ready for a rest!" At the time of writing, they were waiting to hear from son Peter, who was expecting his Air Corps Reserve unit (in which he is a Master Sergeant) to be activated. Their garden was producing beautifully and fruit canning was expected to begin shortly. Both are enjoying good health, for which they are very thankful. In closing Edith wrote, "I LOVE the news from '27. It makes my day when the *Midd Magazine* arrives!" She also suggested that since the magazine carries pictures of the newly-married, it might also be appropriate to carry a picture of a marriage that has lasted! ...In June **Halbert E. Phillips** went to Connecticut to visit his brother in Ledyard. He also drove to Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod where he viewed the retirement ceremony of his niece's husband: "Real formal; dress uniforms; lots of gold braid on the caps and sleeves, with admirals providing stories of past performances. Capt. R.C. Butterick, USCG, went out in fine style. Had such a good time I am going to try another trip to the D.C.-Baltimore area in September. Hope all of you enjoy your summer as much as I." ...**Katie Roberts** and her sister took a senior citizens bus tour last June to Mystic, Conn., Newport, R.I., (which she especially liked) and Cape Cod. When writing in August Katie and her sister were looking forward to a September visit of a cousin from Wales. ...**Rhoda B. Southall** reported an unusually busy summer. Friends drove up from Rye with a beautiful lunch. Elaine's family had a reunion at Rhoda and Elaine's home in Spencertown, N.Y., to celebrate the visit of Elaine's son, Parker, who flew in from San Diego for a week. The garden was a total disaster this year and rabbits have been added to their wildlife roster. "They are so cute," writes Rhoda, "that I cannot bear to shoot them with my .22 even though they drive the dogs crazy." In addition to the usual expenses, she and Elaine have had to replace both hot and cold water tanks, plus three (floor to ceiling) windows. "Enough, already!" ...**Rachel L. Spear** comments, "how interesting it is to watch as nations of the world realign themselves to solve their mutual problems and try to promote peace. In August two Russian warships visited San Diego for five days. The sailors received a warm welcome. Their song and dance group put on a program in Balboa Park which drew a big crowd—including me." ...**Hilda Smith Straw** is no longer able to maintain her own home and has moved to the adult care section of the Carriage Hill Nursing Home (5040 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401). She remains in fair health physically but suffers from Alzheimer's disease. ...**Elizabeth ("Lisbo") Hack Simons** finds her traveling now limited to TV and nature programs, but she rejoiced greatly at the festive air of Saratoga, N.Y., during August Race Week: flower-lined streets, riders on horseback and in horse-drawn carriages, Victorian style. Breakfast at the track affords a grand view of horses being exercised by jockeys. August brought the Philadelphia Orchestra and big bashes at the Casino

and other places, which added funds to local charities. Races are in the afternoon. More money was lost per head this year than ever before. "Lisbo" believes that **Rhoda Southall** "has it made" with her animal kingdom. She concluded with "Happy days to all!" ..."Cut" (**Howard Cutler**), your class secretary, and wife Becky, celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 22, when son Howard M. and wife hosted a big dinner party to honor the event. In August Becky and I spent approximately two weeks sightseeing and cruising in Alaskan waters, including landing via helicopter on a large glacier and further wilderness exploration by small plane, seating only eight or so persons. All scenery wild, rugged and memorable.

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Class Secretary: *William K. Donald, 14740 Eden St., Palm Acres at Shell Point, Fort Myers, FL 33908.*

Last summer, "up close and personal" was Secretary **Bill Donald**'s approach to discovering how '28 classmates were faring. A very important personal event came first, as Bill and Louise traveled to Great Barrington, Mass., the town in which they were married, to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 21. They had enjoyed a pre-anniversary party three weeks before with daughter Diane, her husband and three grandchildren, in California. In Great Barrington, 19 gathered and regaled each other with memories of the past. Bill and Louise prepared a booklet for each guest, quoting on the last page from **Eva Marshall Douglas**'s poem, "Farewell" (from her book of poems, *The Warp and Woof of Life*):

Let us not be sad
At thoughts of separation,
Rather glad for years of waiting
And their fruitful consummation.
Why not cherish patterns
Woven on the looms
Of our vacations
Choosing scenes we loved together
Forest, mountain,
Desert, ocean.
The Pain
The pain today will ease
And leave us with our albums
Of precious memories.

Bill and Louise then enjoyed two weeks in their "time share" cottage and another two weeks with a close friend in South Egremont, Mass. During their stay, Bill went to Concord, Mass., to meet with **Mimi Sweet Coombs** (his unofficial co-secretary) at the Colonial Inn. After a "business luncheon" and a front porch discussion of ideas for the column, Mimi marched Bill up the street marched by the British Redcoats many years before, to the current Old North Bridge, a replica of the wooden bridge "that arched the flood," where in April 1775 the "embattled farmers" repulsed them and where "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired. There they also viewed the famed Minuteman statue by Concord's own Daniel Chester French, placed there in 1875, with the story of the battle told in Ralph Waldo Emerson's words inscribed on the pedestal. A stop was also made at the nearby "Old Manse" of Nathaniel Hawthorne fame. One of the plans discussed was Bill's prospective visit to Middlebury, which he made in early July. He wished to touch base with Bob Peskin (class secretaries' coordinator) and Gordie Perine '49 to discuss ways to make our '28 column newsworthy, and also to see what was happening on campus. He found the campus beautiful and alive, taken over by the language students. He lunched at the campus snack bar with an animated group of French-speaking students, with a babel of foreign languages coming from tables nearby. He saw the huge new Art Center, located on the town side of the Field House, complete in skeleton form, and he learned of the plans for the new football-lacrosse stadium, to be recessed into the sloping terrain (facing the Green Mountains across the valley) south of the Field House. With a proposed capacity of 3,500, it will be available for Commencement, concerts and other large gatherings. Our beloved Porter Field will be redesigned for a new soccer field. What really warmed Bill's trackman's heart was the plan for an all-weather 400-meter track. His conclusion, after three days in town and on campus, was that no matter how much you have appreciated Middlebury through the years, a visit today will enhance that appreciation and impress you most favorably with the quality of the facilities, faculty and students. Bill and Louise also visited Ruth and **Nap Blanchette** at their Noble Horizons Cottage in Salisbury, Conn. Always the horticulturist, Nap had a petite flower garden, visible from the kitchen window. Needing to cultivate more land, he and a friend of similar persuasion prevailed upon the village administration to allow them to spade up a spot not far from his cottage for a fine vegetable garden. Nap was an enthusiastic Chi Psi fraternity man and expressed his unhappy reaction to the College's recent action. Nap also had plans to visit Midd. As class president, he will discuss what has happened to the Paul Dwight Moody Room and the furnishings, commissioned or given to us, as well as the books and Moody artifacts located there from the time we dedicated it in 1983 at our 55th Reunion until the College converted it into office space in 1985. We know that some of them are at Kirk (including Prexy Moody's portrait and the **Carleton Simmons** clock) and that some are at Hadley House, but are concerned about this impermanent situation. ...Marjorie

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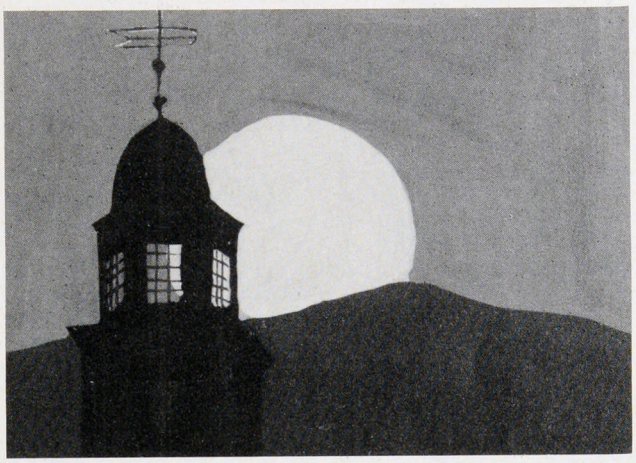

Be the first one on your block to have this year's official Winter Carnival T-shirt, complete with stunning artwork by — who else? — Middlebury's own Woody Jackson '70. You'll have to trust us on this, because the black and white photo above isn't much help, but the design shows a purple outline of Old Chapel against green mountains and a pumpkin-colored moon rising in a lavender sky. It's a knockout. So support Winter Carnival, and get into the Winter Carnival feeling, wherever you are. To order your shirt send a check for $14.50 ($12 for the shirt, and $2.50 for shipping and handling for each shirt) made payable to Middlebury College Winter Carnival, to:

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and **Fred Whittemore** were very much "at home" when Bill rang their doorbell last July. Bill was most anxious to see Fred, having learned that he had suffered a coronary last January in Vero Beach, Fla. As Marj opened the door and called to him that it was Bill Donald, his voice boomed back, "What are you doing up here in Vermont?" There he was and, except for the fact that he didn't get up from his comfortable chair, pretty much the Freddie of old. Midd, fraternities and events in general made for enjoyable conversation, after which he got up and escorted Bill to the door. Good recovery wishes, Fred. ...Nearer home, Bill visited **Eva Marshall Douglas** at her home in Penney Farms in northeastern Florida. On his first visit in June, he was intrigued with Eva's enthusiasm and dedication to her husband's autobiography. At that time she was busily preparing the text. She took time off to talk about Elmer's two previously authored books on Islamic theology and mysticism. By the second visit in July, the text work had been substantially completed. This time Bill met her son, John, who was proofreading and editing. Son Paul also helped Eva proofread and edit when she visited him in Vancouver. This autobiography is a family legacy. ...Family genealogical legacies reminded us of **Edward "Hank" Ferry**'s, a copy of which we have in our collection. Now Hank is busy with other projects. He and Dot have had a busy and celebratory 1990. After three months in Winter Haven, Fla. (where Hank missed seeing the Red Sox spring training due to the lock-out), they returned home in April and May to complete most of the alterations to their home so that son Edward, Jr., and family might have a ready-made home upon his retirement from the service. They then set out for a grand tour of northern New England, starting in Winter Harbor, Maine, for granddaughter Sara's high school graduation (Sara also won a $2,500 scholarship, renewable for all four years, which she will take to Colby College). After touring northern Maine and Mount Desert Island, Hank and Dot returned home to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. After that, it was logical to embark on a second honeymoon trip, driving up through the Adirondacks and down through the Heroes, stopping in New Haven for lunch at the '28 favorite Dog Team Tavern. Then it was on to Middlebury, viewing the campus and stopping for a visit with Gordie Perine '49, whose office at that time was in Kirk, in the eastern end of the divided Paul Dwight Moody Room. Then it was up to Bread Loaf and homeward, touring and visiting friends. Dot continues to volunteer at Historic Deerfield in the summer. Hank was busy trying to get someone to mow his eight acres of open land; he still mows his two-acre lawn with a walking mower. Dot and Hank continue to enjoy an annual subscription to the Mt. Holyoke Summer Theater. They also see Nap and Ruth quite frequently and continue to be football fans. ...It saddens us to have to report the death of **Dot Abel** on May 24, 1990, after a prolonged illness. Lively, friendly, with a passion for science, she also loved and wrote poetry. She chose science for her career and went to Syracuse University for her master's before beginning her teaching at Cohoes, N.Y. Her major teaching, however, was in Brookline (Mass.) High School where for 27 years she creatively taught chemistry, physics and earth science, adding to her regular school hours after-school help for any student who needed it. Her sister, Marjorie, tells us that she even made three-dimensional models to help a blind student. Dot was active, too, in teaching associations and in her church, the United Church in Brookline. Dot always wished that she could paint, but we say she did—with words in her poetry. To Marjorie in Concord, N.H., "Kay" Abel Frasier '26 in Woodbury, N.Y., and her sons, we extend our thanks and sympathy. ...**Zella Cole Hibbert** hopes to be living in the "fantastic" Essex Meadows Community, Essex, Conn., by the time you read this. When we spoke to her in August, she was about to move to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Breck and Susan Hibbert Lardner, both '60, in Essex. She was to store her furniture in their barn, having sold her house so quickly that she had to await an opening at Essex Meadows. ...It was off to Wyoming for Evy and **Ab Carney** last summer. The first stop was in Sheridan where Evy had taught years ago and where they had registered for an Elderhostel week at Sheridan College, to be followed by a second such week at Casper College. Having enjoyed his geology courses in college, Ab was attracted by the Elderhostel geology offerings. They later visited with friends at their ranch, where Ab entered into the Wild West spirit, enjoying horseback riding. Cheyenne's "Frontier Days" came next, after which they headed home through the geological wonders of southern Utah's canyons. ...We have learned that **Theodore "Ted" Goodwin** has moved from Dennisport, Mass., to 13707 S.W. 91st Court, Apt. D, Miami, FL 33176. ...**Emily Lobdell Smith**'s new address is P.O. Box 118, HGS USEUCOM, New York, NY 09128. ...In a telephone conversation, **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** of Rogue River, Oregon, told us that she reluctantly turned down her daughter's August invitation to accompany her on a visit to her grandson at Cove Bay, Alaska, a town far out in the Aleutian Islands. He had just returned from an official bird survey in Russia, representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission. Elizabeth had visited him in Anchorage at the time of our 60th Class Reunion, but this time she was reluctant to hedge-hop the Peninsula in the small planes that serve the U.S. Game Preserve at which he is stationed. Our only Oregonian sends her best wishes. ...With great sadness we report the passing of **Jane Carrick Oviatt**, who died on September 13, 1990. Her obituary will appear in the next issue of this magazine. ...As we went to press we learned of the October 10 death of Zenas L. Bliss. His obituary will also appear in the next issue. ...**Ruth Simmons Dinkel** and **Hester Dwinell** attended Middlebury's Tri-State Luncheon on August 9 at the Kirk Alumni Center. Thanks, Ruth and Hester, for representing the Class of '28. ...Join us in wishing joy and happy birthday to **Al Leahy** (March 3), **Earl Hindes** (March 7), **Bill Donald** (March 11), **Ted Goodwin** (March 28), **Vida Waterman Davis** (April 14), **Hester Dwinell** and **Roger Cleveland** (April 16), **Florence Lockerby** (April 24) and **Louise Thompson** (April 28.

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 21 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027.*

Ruth Rogers Lambert, who lives in the Riverdale section of NYC, reports extensive travel: a trip to Paris (visiting former colleagues at the American Embassy there), and on to Toulon, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Mallorca and back to Paris; "a genealogy research jaunt" through New Hampshire; a visit to the Palo Alto, San Francisco area, from whence she exited "five hours before the earthquake struck." She says she will now "stay quietly at home—for a while." ...**Mary Crane Kinghorn** continues as our resident operative in the Middlebury area. She and husband John, who has had successful cataract surgery, attended the Tri-State Alumnae Lunch at Kirk Alumni Center on August 9. ...**Dick** and **Dorothy Dietz Lobban** have moved from Wayne to a retirement center (Quadrangle) in Haverford, Pa. ...**Emily White Wilmarth** is in Fort Collins, Colo. (Husband Wilson retired from Colorado State University in 1972), where they have many activities in their neighborhood and several children and grandchildren. ...We're sorry to report that **Ed Landon** died on August 2, 1990. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. ...Betty and **Ed DeNoyon** are at the McAuley retirement center in West Hartford, Conn. Parents of their grown grandchildren were in Saudi Arabia when he wrote. ...**Wally Kelley** is in St. Louis, Mo. ...**Warren** and **Isabel Holt Witt** still reside in Congers, N.Y., from whence they travel frequently to Vermont. Isabel had lived in Manchester and they have families in Bradford and Essex Junction. ...**Charles (Red) Allen**'s forest was selected as the "Number One Tree Farm in Hillsborough (N.H.) County for 1989." And he claims to do all the work himself! Other waves he has been making include a stunning letter he wrote to the *Middlebury Magazine* on recent (highly controversial) campus events affecting athletics, fraternities, etc. With his daughter's help, he has recuperated in Chittenden, Vt., from a successful hip replacement operation and says he would like to "be here another 20 years" to see his forest reach its peak of development. Hang in there, Red! ...**Mabel Severance Ellsworth** (Mrs. Allison B.) wrote of goings-on in the Lake George area two and one-half centuries ago—tales of Indians, soldiers, monks and the intrepid "Rogers' Rangers." She lives in Fort Edward and has recovered from her illness of the winter of 1989-'90. ...**Llewellyn (Bob) Roberts** wonders if anyone can beat this: It dawned on him, following our 60th Reunion, that the occasion marked the 76th year since he, **Fran Foley Kelly** and **Mac Williams** started first grade together. ...Finally, we sadly report the deaths of our classmates **Claude Scribner** (November 15, 1987) and **Margaret Lackie Woods** (March 16, 1990). Their memorials appeared in the Autumn issue of this magazine.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

Myrtle Bachelder asks, "Where have the years gone?" A New Englander at heart, she has lived in Chicago for some time. She used to get back East occasionally, but she has had to be relatively inactive for the last two years. Her life as a teacher of English and history was very busy, but now she contents herself with reading. She recommends *The Boorstin Discoveries*, written by the former librarian of Congress, Daniel Boorstin. ...**Sanford Witherell** declares that he just plugs along. He keeps busy with his garden, but mostly what gets his attention is doing genealogical work. ...**Elizabeth Norman** leads a quiet life. She is glad to be independent, able to keep going and to stay in her home. Like so many of us, she does not drive any more. When Elizabeth was younger, she returned often to Middlebury, but she has not been back since our 45th. She enjoyed seeing the picture of those of us who were together last June. And, of course, she enjoyed Ginny's essay about the years our class members have "lived" together. ...**Miriam Roberts Rowe** is lucky to have her two children living in the same town as she—Cincinnati. Although she used to bowl, she cannot now because of a knee operation. She plays a lot of bridge. This was the first summer she was unable to go to the Jersey shore, where she used to have such a lot of fun. ...**Ginny Knox** had a physical check-up which showed nothing wrong, but she finds walking ever more difficult. She

bowls still and is into perspective art. Her teacher comes to Ginny's home for her lessons. Together they find perspectives fascinating. They work on the corners of a room, etc. ..."Chick," **Emily Miller MacDonald** attended the wedding of a grandchild in St. Louis and had a very happy time. ...**Nita Willets Savage** has moved to Colonie Manor in Latham, N.Y. (12110), where she is very happy. It is not far from her former home in Scotia. ...**Carolyn Allen** attended the Tri-State Luncheon last summer. ...**C. Lloyd Mann**'s new address is 1336 Woodbine St., Daytona Beach, FL 32114. ...And I, **Helen Kendall Metger Dudey**, am holding on, too. X-rays show nothing wrong with my hips and legs—so why do I have such difficulty getting up from a chair? My cane prevents my falling when I walk, but standing to wash the dishes causes discomfort. (Beecher usually dries the dishes.) Could we be getting older?

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert, P.O. Box 886, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.*

Editor's note: As we went to press, **Parker Calvert** graciously agreed to fill the term of the late **Ken Parker** as 1931 Class Secretary. Look for a complete 1931 column in the next issue of this magazine. And circle the dates on your 1991 calendar for '31's 60th Reunion: May 31 to June 2, 1991.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 182 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210.*

Writing from his Keene Valley, N.Y., summer place (in the hamlet of St. Huberts), **Tom Miner** apologizes for typing errors because "my hands are too cold!" Well, that's the Adirondacks for you! He maintains his professional interest in physics by writing reviews of books in his field of expertise. He speaks with pride about his grandchildren: "Grandson Tommy expects to get his M.D. next spring; granddaughter Ann her M.S. in geology next fall; Fred is in a doctorate program in English lit.; Peter is a fledgling banker; Chris is a fine arts major, and Jimmy thinks he'll major in biochem (certainly not physics, to my regret)." We sent Tom an 80th birthday greeting and his reply gives us something to think about: "It's good of you to notice so irrelevant an event." ...**Frederick Weaver** retired in June from teaching in the mathematics department of Farmingdale (N.Y.) State University. He spent the summer months at his cottage at Canterbury, New Brunswick, Canada, where he found fishing exceptionally fine: pickerel up to 28 inches and small-mouth bass up to six pounds. Freddy and his son took the canoe and fished streams for brook trout, as large as 18 inches! ...**Alice Cady Russell** writes, "I am trying to make up my mind about a new car, as the present one was bought in 1984—too old by far for a reliable trip to Reunion in 1992!" She has settled into her retirement home where she is keeping herself in condition with a two-mile walk nearly every morning and twice-a-week low-impact aerobics at a nearby fitness center. "As you can see, there is nothing seriously wrong with my health. No pills are necessary. I shall keep young as long as possible." Cady is working with water colors, as well as the oils, pastels and charcoal she used previously. She continues genealogical research. ...**Alberta Potter Brennen**, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, asks, "Did you ever in your wildest dreams imagine that we would live to this advanced age—fortunately with most of our faculties intact? I am not one of these little old ladies who run around proudly bragging about being 80. For one thing I hate labels—and besides if you do not mention it, maybe no one will notice. After all, there is still that young person of the Midd years inside each of us, making it hard for us to believe the mirror." Since her husband became profoundly hearing impaired, Alberta has had a great interest in signing. She writes, "First I found a course at one of the local community colleges and dragged Fred along. We have gone on from there. As with any language, it is far easier to 'speak' than to interpret. We have a fairly decent vocabulary, but find it most difficult to understand. The speed at which the fingers and hands fly is unbelievable, especially in finger-spelling. I suspect that the only solution is to live among those who use signing exclusively so that of necessity one learns." ...It is with deep regret that we report the death of two of our classmates: **Elizabeth (Betty) Merriam Austin** on July 7, 1990, and **Lynn R. Callin** on June 8, 1990. The class extends sympathy to their families. Obituary notices appear elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Carpenter (Helen Easton), 83 Quagnut Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879-4602.*

We had the pleasure of joining two other members of '33 at Alumni Weekend last June: **Bud Newman**, whose wife, Louise (Fleig) '35 was attending her 55th Reunion, and **Pete White**, a special guest of Wyman Smith, another member of '35. ...**Slim Green** enjoyed a large family reunion on the occasion of his 80th birthday August 3. Relatives came from Arkansas, Washington, D.C., and California. The latter had just received his Ph.D. from Berkeley and was on his way to Switzerland for two years as a post-doc. ...**Ruth Nodding Hopkins** expects to move from Hilltop Place in New London, N.H., next year to a retirement community near Hanover. We'll provide the address later. ...**Prof. Huse** has been having an annoying few months coping with an ailment of baseball pitchers and golfers: pain in the left shoulder associated with the rotator muscle. An operation in May followed by slow recuperation and constant exercising permitted him to get back to golf by the end of the summer. ...**Janet Stainton June** attended the Tri-State Alumnae Luncheon at Kirk Alumni Center on August 9. ...We are sorry to report the death of **Anson Ransom** on April 9, 1990. Lorraine wrote that their last cruises were to Alaska and through the Panama Canal in 1989, and their last auto trip was to Atlantic City Showboat four days before he died. His obituary appeared in the Autumn issue of the magazine. The Class of '33 joins in sincere sympathy to Lorraine, their children and grandchildren, and his brothers. ...**Ginnie Whittier Warthin** got together with Noddy and **Mary Omwake Dearborn** last summer at Noddy's New London, N.H., home. Ginnie and Tom plan to move to a retirement center not far from their present home after the first of the year (more later with their new address). ...We have the sad duty to report the death of **Eloise Barnard Wells** on July 17, 1990. Her obituary appeared in the Autumn issue of the magazine. She is survived by her husband, three children and five grandchildren, to all of whom the Class offers deep sympathy. ...**Virginia Kent Wicks** reports that her son, Frank, received a graduate degree from the University of Southern Maine last May and is writing a book to help in training teachers of handicapped students. Frank's son, Habib, was accepted at Bates College and started his first year with a semester in France, where he lived in a dormitory for a month and then was to live with a French family until December. ...Does this installment of '33 news seem rather skimpy to you? Please help us by sending your news.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Ruth Ellis Crane, P.O. Box 589, Coe St., Winsted, CT 06098.*

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Class Secretaries: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert) 1977 Marlboro Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348, and the Rev. Leland Hunt, 10 Murray St., Norwalk, CT 06851.*

Greetings from your new secretaries, and a plea to keep in touch. News from old friends becomes more important to all of us as the years go by, so send us a note now and then about yourselves and your activities. ...From our 55th Reunion, **Jean Wiley Zwickel** traveled to five different meetings to talk on Puerto Rico and gave two radio interviews. Before Reunion she attended a meeting sponsored by the War Resisters' League at Columbia University. By this time the Spanish translation of her book must be complete. Like some others, she wonders why she chose French in college instead of Spanish. Another indication of changing priorities? Jean had planned to attend Reunion with **Dot Dechiara Coote**, but Dot had to miss Reunion because of a miserable case of shingles. We missed you, Dot. ...**Ginny Easler Wilson** spent two weeks on Lake Como followed by two more weeks at Lake Garda. It sounds like a perfect fall vacation. ...**Avis Fischer**, though sorry to miss Reunion, enjoyed a trip on the Mississippi from Memphis to New Orleans. She highly recommends the trip to all who are looking for a fascinating and informational voyage. Following her return she underwent cataract surgery but (judging from her writing) has completely recuperated. ...**Marjorie Clark Headley** writes that, though retirement and the loss of her husband has changed her life, she has managed to create a new active and pleasant one. Grandsons aged 10 and five are a great pleasure also. ...**Dick Cushing** spent the early part of July traveling in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. ...**Rosamond Allen Keppler** has recovered completely from last year's surgery and is back in the thick of things. She concludes that Florida is delightful to visit but California is the place to live. ...Walter and **Mildred Aubrey Monagan** spent part of the summer at the Sheldon Museum—he as a docent and she in the gift shop. At the end of July they planned a boat trip on the St. Lawrence. Prindle Wissler-Mullin, Ben Wissler's widow, was to be with them. ...**Betty Seaver Eichmann** visited Spain and Morocco. She reluctantly gave up our 55th Reunion to fly to her grandson's high school graduation in Iowa. Later in the summer she expected to visit Millie. ...**Faith Arnold Diver**'s plans for the summer were changed when it became apparent that her husband needed a pacemaker. We are glad to report that he is already feeling a lot better. ...**Kit Patty Bishop** was sorry to miss Reunion, but mentioned that providing "show and tell" for her youngest grandchild was a unique experience. It seems he asked that the new dump truck be brought to kindergarten where he demonstrated raising and lowering the bed. Kit feels it was probably the biggest "show and tell" the kindergarten had ever seen. ...**Sarah Lou Elliott Ordway** takes the prize for faithful reunion attendance—all the way from Wash-

ington State. The air trip from Seattle to Boston was uneventful, but from there on the trip became a nightmare and a challenge. Fortunately, Ev and **Betty Bryan Sheldon** came to her rescue. Many of us agree with her that the many changes at the College have not marred our memories of times past. She adds that her husband, Howard, feels that the *Middlebury Magazine* is one of the finest magazines he reads, and her list of his qualifications to make a judgment is impressive. ...After the 55th, Eric and **Doris Anderson Carlson** attended the wedding of her niece, visited family, entertained a cousin from Sweden and joined a family gathering at Lake Quinsigamond. From there they traveled to Boston where they saw Mandela's entourage but not the man himself. She was able to stop for a while with **Dottie Maskell Henderson** and her husband, Bill, to show them the Reunion pictures. Doris, as Reunion chairman, wrote, "I have been so grateful to my classmates who offered me all kinds of help both before and during Reunion. I have particularly enjoyed all the letters I've received from so many of you. I hope these contacts will continue. It is one of the great bonuses of attending Reunion." Classmates, take note! ...Once again, from **Millie Aubrey Monagan**, custodian of the Reunion Book: Please send pictures or negatives to be added to the collection to the Alumni Office, c/o Joan Todd, or to Millie herself (32 Gorham Lane, Middlebury, VT 05753). When the book is up to date it will be returned to the Alumni Office for safekeeping.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. James Cooper (Harmony Buell), 30 Glenwood Drive, Brewster, MA 02631, and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Beaver Meadow Village, 21 Piscataqua Road, Concord, NH 03301.*

Thirty-one people attended the August 18 reunion in Concord, N.H., at the Brooks' condominium. It was a hot, clear day, so the swimming pool was both psychologically and physically cooling. Bob Peskin, from the alumni office, reported on the state of the College, the approach of President Light's inauguration, the building program, restoration of specific dormitories and the ongoing fraternity discussions. He was also helpful in guiding our program for the 55th Reunion next spring. Chairpersons for the Reunion are **Dick Dempewolff** and **Maggie Leach Harris**, both of whom spoke of plans already under way. Thelma Bascom, who was secretary to Cap Wiley '13, spoke happily (at age 80-plus) of her work processing the applications of us men in 1932, as well as her duties with the newsletter. She enjoyed the day and said she had read with interest our 1986 autobiographies. Also attending were many spouses of classmates—not considered guests, but rather "camp followers"—led by Al **Spendlove** and Katie **Brooks**, each claiming to be the vice president to the other's presidency of this fun group. They reported with pride on the growth of our second tree, planted in '86. As class agent for women, **Fran Wilkinson Russ** read excerpts from correspondence with classmates and spoke, as did Bob Peskin, of our being near the top (84 percent participation) of those in the older classes involved in annual giving. **George Deming** wrote a letter of thanks to us and we appreciate the work he and Fran do for the College and for our class. **Louise Hutchinson** reported on the European tour of her singing group (membership confined to a 35-mile radius of Wells River, Vt.). We'll save that report for the last item in this column. Harmony and Gus were thanked for their secretarial work. They in turn expressed their appreciation for the abundant letters and occasional telephone calls from which column news items can be written. **Dick Hubbard** spoke of progress at the College's fine arts center—"A huge building well on its way"—and shared a scale model built by him. Although the 95-degree temperatures (and the absence of **Louise Hubbard McCoy** and **Dick Chase**) discouraged group singing somewhat, **Vic Sanborn** regaled us with organ music from his wide and pleasant repertoire. We were cheered to hear of **Howard Cady**'s slow but apparent return to health. Unfortunately **Clarence Harwood** could not join us, but he did communicate to us from the Cromwell Crest Nursing Home (385 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416), following a severe stroke: "I am doing fairly well. My love to all." In addition to those already mentioned, attendees at the mini-reunion were **Bill Dawes**, Max and **Ret Hanson Herrington**, Carl and **Mary Dansereau Howard**, Suzanne Stalker Slocum '39 and **Jocko Martin, Marion Cole Morhouse, Phyllis Sanderson, Dot Symonds Spendlove**, Bob and **Aggie Harris Taylor** and **Janet Hartwell Westby**, plus spouses Marge Arnold Cady '38, Rita Dempewolff, Trav Harris '34, Vera Hubbard and Marge Sanborn. Sylvia **Willoughby** brought food but could not stay, due to a change in her family's schedule. ...**Velma Sutliffe Francis** has sold her home in Pelham, N.Y., and relocated in Florida. Her new address is 240 Santa Maria St., #D-324, Venice, FL 34285. ...**Doris Wall Roberts** has added a new address as well as keeping her Rockport, Mass., home: 1175 Fourwinds Ave., Marco Island, FL 33937. Dode had a wonderful trip to Machu Pichu in Peru two years ago. Last year she enjoyed a trip by boat up the Rhine River; this year she had a "gorgeous time" camping with daughters et. al. in Colorado, Utah and Arizona. Dode keeps very busy supplying 40 shops in New England with her shell lobster magnets. ...We extend our sincere sympathy to **Kay Worcester Williams** on the loss of her daughter, Joan, to cancer in December 1989. Kay writes that it has been a tough year but she feels fortunate to have her son, Dick, and family. She recently visited them in Sun Valley, Idaho—a great place to be in summer as well as winter. Kay spent August as usual at a cabin on Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks, accompanied by her new dog, Bonnie, a replacement for the 15-year-old poodle she lost last year. ...**Phyl Sanderson** spent last Christmas Day walking the beach in Melbourne, Australia, with the temperature in the 90s. She visited the city's fantastic zoo, had a marvelous Christmas dinner at the Jean Jacques restaurant, stayed at the very ritzy Hayman Island resort and went out to the Reefs for a two-hour boat trip. New Year's was celebrated in Queensland, New Zealand, when Mt. Cook was visible—an unusual sight because of the ever-present clouds. The winds were so strong, however, that they couldn't be flown up to take a look at the glacier. ...Ray and **Bunny Baker Cobb** visited their daughter and son and families in Berkeley, Calif., this year. While in Princeton, Bunny enjoys tutoring a foreign graduate student in conversational English. ...Life is pleasant for **Rosamond "Posy" Bishop**, who is living with her cousins in her new home at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. She says it's fun to read all the tidbits about the classes we knew. ...Ralph and **Barbara Wishart Erickson** celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary with family and friends this year. A granddaughter was married in May. A grandson, who entered graduate school at Duke University in September, is a tennis pro at the Easthampton Tennis Club on Long Island. ...**Bev Cone Pritchard** and **Marion Cole Morhouse** attended the Tri-State Luncheon at Middlebury's Kirk Alumni Center on Aguust 9, 1990. ...**Maggie Leach Harris** and **Mary Jane Kevan Philpott** were at Midd in early June for Reunion Weekend. Mary Jane and Russ visited her sister in Vero Beach, Fla., and her son in Connecticut later on. Says Mary Jane, "It's a pain in the neck having all my family so far away!" ...News items are abundant due to the fact that 70 percent of our classmates replied to their invitations to the August reunion in Concord. George and **Melba Spaulding Lombard** were unable to attend, as they were in Virginia visiting their newly relocated daughter and her family. ...Don and **Bets Laws Westin** also sent regrets. They were unpacking their bags after a six-week tour through New England and weren't going wandering for a while. ...**Anna Mayo** drives only locally these days, having had cataract surgery. She regretted being unable to attend. ...From her vacation spot in Cliff Island, Maine, **Mary Williams Brackett** was busy last summer being on call for a friend who was hospitalized in Portland. Unable to attend the Concord gathering, she was hoping to see classmates at Homecoming in October. ...While in England recently, **Evelyn Poppel Gerard** stayed with a family in the small village of Plumstead, and enjoyed getting to know the people. She spent time in Hawaii last winter but England is her first love. She sent her regrets to Angus and Katie as she was leaving for a trip to the Canadian Rockies on August 14. ...Charles and **Isabel Davies Emmerich** also sent regrets and best wishes. They were greatly involved with their son's move with his family to a new job in Kentucky. ...**Ginny Phillips Whitney** also couldn't make it, but reports she had a good year, with a lovely visit in February to Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and a two-week trip to Ireland in June with daughter Pat, her husband and grandson Tim. Ginny and her whole family spent last Thanksgiving in Orlando at Disney World, but says that all that waiting in line stirred up a little arthritis in the old knees. ...With eight of her friends last summer, **Louise Hubbard McCoy** enjoyed a Friends of Art Daumier show and a French pique-nique at Middlebury, followed by a lecture where she and retired Professor Stephen Freeman, now 92, were seeking the few chairs. ...**Mavie Jones Little** writes of a great visit last winter in Florida with **Doris Wall Roberts** and **Isabel Kinney Frakie**. In May, with Louise Fulton Mapps '35, Jonie and Frank also saw Natt '34 and Jo Knox Divoll '35 and Betty Bryan Sheldon '35. In July they celebrated their 52nd anniversary. "What fortitude," says husband Frank. ...Imagine singing with a chorus of 60 voices in a salt mine 442 feet down into the Polish earth. That's what **Louise Hutchinson** did last July with her North Country Chorus in a tour conducted by Friendship Ambassadors. The salt mine in East Tarnow has been in operation off and on since the 13th century and contains a large room with a chapel, altar, benches and tables, all of salt. The Black Madonna of Czestochowa stands at the altar, which the chorus faced (with their backs to the audience) during the concert. The group performed five concerts in Poland including Warsaw (where they spent a week), Stockholm and Helsinki. They were bused into Krakow, now rebuilt after the devastation of World War II. The Polish people admitted they hadn't much cared for other Americans they had met, but that these singers from the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont were pleasant, courteous and a joy to hear. ...Even before you hang your 1991 calendar on the wall, classmates, don't forget to mark the dates of our 55th Class Reunion—May 31 to June 2, 1991. Let's make it as successful and satisfying a gathering as our 50th!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Road, Delafield, WI 53018, and Pierce G. Couperus, 58 Shaker Road, New London, NH 03257.*

Doris Ryan Pitcher writes that Stan has been wheelchair-bound for a year now, necessitating their move to an accommodating residence which is a "very caring community." **Carolyn Cozzio Tompkins** has been most supportive during this time with weekly messages. In early July Doris had lunch with **Marion Wishart Packard** at the Worcester Art Museum and then viewed "An American Sampler" folk art exhibit from Vermont's Shelburne Museum. ...**Ken MacFadyen** received my plea for news just before their annual departure "North." Ken says that the interim has been filled with doctor's visits to fight off aging defects and living through the first month of nearby Tanglewood which draws crowds of summer tourists. Their traveling has been restricted somewhat this year but they live in hope that next year the aging will abate and will allow greater freedom. On July 28, the MacFadyens celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a lovely party arranged by sons Ken, Scott and Don, at Don's home in Belchertown, Mass. ...**Frank Piskor** and Anne went on a hiking trip to Switzerland with Anne's brother and his two daughters. Their hiking was done in the three beautiful areas of Grundelwald, Zermatt (with its Matterhorn) and Braunwald, each of which they found different and exciting. The trip was a great morale booster for Frank as he proved to himself that his knee worked beautifully a year after the major surgery. ...**Grayce Cookson Pierpont** claims that her life isn't too exciting but that she still navigates and is "quite content." A great deal of her life revolves around her five grandchildren—David (a senior at UC-Santa Cruz), Amy (a sophomore at B.U.) and, in Cheshire, Emily (10), Bennett (8) and Andrew (4). She continues her church and community volunteer work. She does miss not being on the library board which was so much a part of her life for 20 years. Last spring Grayce traveled to California to visit family and friends but missed visiting with **Ramona Ford Emery**. She gets back to Vermont quite often. Her daughter and family have a condo at the Okemo ski area in Ludlow where skiing is the main attraction in winter but there are other things to do in warmer months. She visits or phones **Helen Shea Cosgrove** in Worcester. Although Helen is restricted physically, she is still "fun loving" and wants to hear news of others. Grayce spends time with **Ruth Schneider Upson** who recently traveled to Switzerland and Germany with her son and his wife. Concerning 1992, Grace says, "Here's hoping." ...Every once in a while I (Mel) get a bit of info in a round about way. **Walt Brooker** wrote to **Frank Piskor** with news about his family and in particular about his hip operation. That was last June and Walt was coming along okay, if I read the letter correctly. Walt met the new president, Timothy Light, and liked him "very much." The selection committee did its work well. All members of 1937 will like him. Walt and Bobbie (Carrick) '40 planned to fly to London on September 15 for nine days. It was a shock when Walt learned that the Grosvenor House now charges $380 for a double room for one night. He traded down to a three-star hotel. Walt has tried golf and indicates that a session with **Dud Phinney** is in order. Jack Kirk '39 got Walt out for nine holes and we can be certain that next year he will be back where he was. He didn't play in the Alumni Golf Tournament this year but planned to be at the dinner. ...**Lois Bestor Craig** reports no news since the June events already reported, but then proceeded to report more than I have learned for some time about such things as the Perine Golf Tournament and the good life that is available in Midd for retirees. The town of Middlebury is, according to Lois, still attractive to retirees. Eight condos for easy living and a remarkably good medical center make Middlebury a good place to locate. ...**Loring D. Chase** had a busy summer of golf and work around the yard. Chuck was looking forward to teaching a church history course this fall to New Hampshire Christian educators who have not been to theological seminary. ...**Phil Brown** promises to do better keeping us up to date about what goes on in his household. As usual the Browns spent their summer in Rhode Island. Last spring Helen underwent lumbar surgery from which she is successfully recuperating. Neither Helen's nor Phil's lumbar surgery has stopped them from bowling. Interest in stained glass work has kept Phil busy making replicas of sailing ships. In late October the Browns planned to go to their place in Estero on the west coast of Florida until about May 1. With nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, traveling, gardening and a few other hobbies, the Browns are happily busy. ...**Herb Ellison** reports that life in Wood River Village is like being in a small town where everything is under one roof. Being involved keeps Herb and Ginny (Fischer) '38 young and alert. She is active in the library, crafts and aid to the visually impaired, as well as being editor of the village newsletter. Herb is involved with the IRS in an attempt to get charitable status for two of their organizations. Middlebury grads at Wood River Village now number four with the recent arrival of Thelma Gates Travers '29, sister of Betty Gates Tuttle '38. Herb wants to thank **Walt Brooker** again for his help and counsel regarding the incorporation of the Fellowship Fund last year. Walt has always been available to help over the years. ...**Dick Lucas** is in the middle of rather intense negotiations regarding Adirondack Park where he lives. They are so intense that I am sure that Dick isn't thinking of much else. We will have to wait until next issue to hear about Dick's day-to-day activities. ...**Harry B. (Red) Harris** enjoyed staying close to home this summer. Edith Bruechner, sister of Alice (Parsons) '34, from Port Charlotte, Fla., visited for three weeks, her first visit since 1981. While she was there, the Harris' daughter and her husband and two children from Michigan joined them for several days. They also enjoyed having Fran Hill, **Parm Hill**'s widow, for a short one-night stand. She is fine and they hoped to visit her in Wayland, Mass., some time in the fall. Alice enjoyed swimming nearly every day at their boathouse on Lake Sunapee, N.H. Their daughter, Pam, and her husband, Randy Holden, of Louisville, Ky., spent three weeks last summer in Russia and Finland, under the auspices of the People to People Program. Son Dave still lives in New London and continues his woodworking business. ...**Robert W. Robinson** notes that "Time goes by fast when one is having fun." They spend peaceful summers in Chittenango and mild winters in the St. Petersburg area, with golfing, gardening and daily walking taking a lot of their time. They also enjoy those cable TV ball games. Their 11th grandchild arrived in July. The latest "dig" in Chittenango is one of the old locks and buildings of the original New York Barge Canal. Many are involved in the digging and eventual restoration. ...**Doris K. Cutting** didn't have much news to offer, but she finally persuaded her 101-year-old mother to let her clean out the attic. "Amazing the prices we got from dealers—and they did the hauling! Great relief to me."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Herbert Ellison (Virginia Fischer), Wood River Village, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., #C102, Bensalem, PA 19020, and Bruce Brown, RD 2, Box 167, Hamilton, NY 13346.*

The old "Spirit of '38" comes through again! We have far more news than we can print, but we'll get in as much as possible. ...**Claribel Nothnagle Spamer** went to California to visit her daughter and grandchildren. Her son-in-law had her up early each day to bird-watch, reminding her of Prof. Dame's walks to do the same in Middlebury. ...Bob '35 and **Helen Kelley Stafford** moved back to Vermont. They have a house and a couple of acres, a garden and plenty of bedrooms. They are located just a couple of miles north of Rutland on the way to Midd. During the winter they lived on their boat doing the intra-coastal waterway from the Chesapeake Bay to Florida, across to the Gulf side, down and up that coast and back, seeing many friends. In their new location they are serving on some boards, lecturing, gardening, entertaining nearby children and grandchildren, and looking forward to friends popping in. ...**Field (Stretch) Winslow** is still running a journal of the AT&T office. He sent us a clipping from a weekly magazine of the American Chemical Society which notes that two of our classmates are being honored by local sections and the national society. They are **Arthur Barney** and **Robert Cairns**. Congratulations to you both. ...We have heard of another tremendous honor, this one for **Arne Bulkeley Beltz**. Several classmates wrote to tell us that the Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services Building has been renamed the Arne Beltz Health and Human Services Building. Arne has been a longtime worker in Alaska health care, including supervisor of the Fairbanks Health Center, itinerant health nurse for several areas, and manager of the Community Health Services in Anchorage. Thanks to all who wrote us and our congratulations to Arne for this highly-deserved honor. A newspaper photo of the occasion shows Arne looking just the same, and flashing the same beautiful smile. ...One classmate who wrote about Arne was **Betty MacCulloch Mattox**. She had seen Arne in Anchorage the previous summer. So good to hear from Betty and know she and her family are fine and as busy as ever. ...More converts to Elderhostels! **Becki Abbott Brooks** and **Janie Abbott Barry** attended their first at Green Mountain College. Their "concentration" was the State of Vermont and they enjoyed side trips to historic sites. They also went to Midd and saw Gordie Perine '49 and Hugh Marlow '57 and had their first walk across the footbridge in mid-Middlebury. ...A fascinating account of five weeks in Europe came from **Betty Gates Tuttle**. Gatesie, her husband, daughter, son-in-law and two small grandchildren spent two

Six '38ers — Tommy Leslie Hall, "E" Barnum Gardner, Em Barclay Jackson, Nonnie Allen Leslie, Jan Randall Morgan and Betty Gates Tuttle — rested on the runningboard of a '38 Ford in front of Moose Mountain Lodge (built in 1938) during a mini-reunion of the "Tanglewood Group" on August 1, 1990.

weeks in the Salzburg, Austria, area, where son-in-law Larry was director of the Salzburg Seminar on Global Pollution. Forty-eight Fellows from 30 countries attended. Meals, with representatives of all these countries as tablemates, were exciting and informative. The session led to the creation of the International Environmental Negotiation Network, culminating in "The Game," a simulation which produced a negotiated agreement whereby the most developed nations would subsidize and assist the less developed nations to meet restrictions on the emission of greenhouse gases. Following Austria came a trip to England, then two weeks motoring on unclassified roads in the Yorkshire Dales, hiking across the moors, and visiting numerous places off the beaten track. "The tranquility and peacefulness of the English countryside, its human scale, its preserved and appreciated landscapes, the civility of everyone we met will serve as a bolster for months to come." ...**Winnie Duffield Taylor** also enjoyed a delightful trip to England and Scotland, touring the Highlands and the Lake Country, stopping at B & Bs and even a castle for overnights. After returning home she assisted in the first days of a new granddaughter's life and later vacationed on the coast of Maine. ...A great ad for Delta Airlines senior citizen coupons is **Helen Thomas Stone**. In the spring she flew to San Francisco for 10 days with her oldest son and wife. From there she flew to New England where she spent four weeks with friends and relatives. During that time she had two days with **Beulah Hagadorn** at her summer cottage on Lake Champlain. They talked up a storm trying to catch up on 50-odd years, having had only a couple of brief encounters since graduation. Then on to Montana for 10 days with a niece. Quite a change, writes Helen, from the White and Green Mountains to the Rockies! She was delighted with the animals and gorgeous wildflowers in Yellowstone. Still more flying to Massachusetts in mid-October and a plan to spend Christmas in San Francisco. Her home is now in Tulsa, Okla. ...Helen and **Bruce Brown** cover a lot of territory too. In the summer they had a three-week nature trip to Norway, including six days above the Arctic Circle. Saw wonderful scenery, lots of rarely-seen nesting birds, flowers, snow, etc. Later they took off via Amtrak for Flagstaff, Ariz., for two weeks of wild-flowering, Indian ruins, camping (Grand Canyon and Zion) with their "geology daughter" and family. Then up to New Hampshire for time with another daughter and son. ...**Evelyn Adriance Miles**, a photographer, had her work on display in the library of the University of Maine and the Orono Public Library. The exhibition included 50 of her best black and white photographs taken of the Miles home in Orono. The newspaper write-up stated: "Through her artistic accomplishment she has demonstrated that the essence of art surrounds us. We have only to see it and share it." ...Five of our classmates attended Reunion Weekend in June: **Jane Abbott Barry, Rebecca Abbott Brooks, Emily Barclay Jackson, Nelson C. Keables** and **James A. Miner**. ...We were represented at the Tri-State Luncheon in August by **Jane Abbott Barry** and **Madeline S. Buttles**. ...**Jean Dusenbury Brown** reports a new address: 1607 N. Riverside Drive, #A, South Bend, IN 46616 (219-233-3849). ...We wish to express our deep sorrow and sympathy to the families and friends of two classmates. **Wilbur M. Brown** died March 23 and **Everett S. Allen** died August 5 of this year. Of Everett ("Joe"), Herb Ellison '37 writes, "I have seen him only twice since graduation. Ginny and I visited him at home in Fair Haven and met his most gracious wife, Phyllis Johnson Allen, about eight years ago. Later we helped persuade him to attend his 50th Reunion. Joe was an under-financed student, as were many of us. I remember that to dissuade him from leaving Midd we emptied a linen closet for him to live in at the Sig Ep House. Joe and I started a winter sports business which went so well we had to give it up to catch up on our studies. With that kind of start we were always delighted to read his books and hear of his successful career as writer and editor of *The New Bedford Standard Times*, as a syndicated columnist and recipient of many journalistic awards. Joe's closest friend at Midd was **Ed Hayward**, for whom Joe wrote a moving eulogy several years ago." A complete obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner (Ruth Coleman), P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Raymond and **Ruth Coleman Skinner** have moved to a smaller home on 1.4 acres just off the green in Danville, Vt., with a beautiful view of the White Mountains of New Hampshire. They are within walking distance of bank, library, store, church, etc., plus about 10 miles from their older daughter in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Remembering birthday greetings for classmates has produced a little more news for the column. **Dorothy Wing Davenport** writes from Halifax, Nova Scotia, that she now has two *great*-grandchildren. Although "Wing" has been bothered with cataracts, diabetes and arthritis, she's young at heart and spirit. She is tempted to return to the States where she feels one is more a person with friends of all ages, not set aside as a senior citizen, which she feels is a Canadian attitude. ...**Virginia Orde Church** is still running Mountain Communications with her husband, Vail, but not very aggressively, finally deciding enough is enough. Ginny has given up on Enfield politics, but not until land use legislation (zoning) was passed after a five-year struggle. The Churches have recently added a greenhouse to their living room and are cultivating orchids! They enjoy biking, canoeing and walking in the woods: "Quiet amusement where we don't have to wait in line." ...In June **Coco Farrier Wade** relived our 50th Reunion with Marjorie Burditt Striker '40 who had come back with the same sort of glow we had. Now she and Marjorie are launching Barbara Grow Grim '41, who is handling the '41 yearbook. Coco mentioned **Pat Brewer Chadwick** had just returned from three weeks in France. Perhaps Pat will give us more details of her visit later. It would be beneficial to us and our pleasure to receive a card from classmates when they're traveling anywhere or doing something special. ...We were happy to hear that **Bettie Letson** has recovered well from a bad fall on the historic brick sidewalks of Boston. ...The Tri-State Luncheon at Middlebury on August 9 was attended by **Borden** and **Louise Roberts Avery** and **Evelyn Wheeler Stagg**. According to the *Rutland Herald*, Evelyn decided not to seek re-election for the legislature. She has "truly appreciated being a part of Vermont's Citizen Legislature; and leaves the job with some regrets and a sense of loss, but was relieved to have made a decision." Evelyn's accomplishments were many, especially in education reform and tax reform. She has great hopes that the state's educational system will continue to improve under the excellent guidance of Commissioner of Education Richard Mills '66. ...Nelson and **Elinor Wieland Cain** have really been covering ground. They cruised to San Juan, Tortola, St. Thomas and Nassau at the end of March. In the middle of June they spent a week in the Canadian Rockies, followed by a week's cruise to Alaska, including Glacier Bay. "It was most rewarding, such great scenery!" July and August found them in Michigan, Vermont and Cape Cod; September they were in Nevada visiting their older daughter. All this is building up memories for their "rocking-chair years." ...**Ray** and **Ruth Coleman Skinner** were guests at the celebration in honor of **Mel** and **Dot Korb Carter**'s 50th wedding anniversary in June. It was a very special affair, enhanced by our seeing there, for the first time in many years, Dean and **Mary Pierce Mosher**. Mary and Dean play a lot of golf during summers in Newport, and also in Florida where they spend several of the winter months. ...**Suzanne Stalker Slocum** cruised on the **QE 2** to England and France in fall '89. In May '90 she was in England, France, Switzerland and Italy. Then back for Reunion in June '90. ...Last summer **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** were at another "excellent" Elderhostel in Great Britain. They attended the University of Dundee in Scotland, Crosby Hall in London and the College of St. Mark and St. John in Plymouth. Highlights included Stonehenge, choral evensong at Westminster Abbey and the channel coast of Devon and Cornwall. While they were in England they visited an 89-year-old cousin who is in a retirement home in Rochester, Kent. Tom and Gert keep in good health and enjoy the activities of the grandkids. ...**Dorothy Harris Ramsey** enjoyed a busy summer highlighted by a small family reunion at the wedding of her grandniece in Annapolis. In fall '89, soon after the tornado had gone through the Litchfield, Conn., area, Dot visited Buck and **Joyce MacKenzie Cropsey**. It was their first get-together in 40 years and yet they "picked up where they had left off—it was great!" ...Although this is being written in an August heat wave, you'll be reading it at holiday time, so we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

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Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Court, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Bob and I wish to thank all of you who wrote such nice notes to us after Reunion. ...Many classmates extended their vacations after Reunion. Russ and **Glen Leggett** enjoyed a trip along the Maine coast, eating lots of seafood. ...**Bobbie Peek Loftin** visited in Westfield, N.J., seeing some of our old high school friends. ...**Jean Rose Cozzens** visited an old high school pal in Williamstown, Mass., before returning to Dallas to continue therapy on her knee. ...**Lute Buttolph** left for a fishing trip to Canada. ...**Priscilla Bateson Eldredge** enjoyed two super weekends. The first was at Amherst College where their grandson was presented his diploma by their son, who is on the board of trustees. The second was our gala 50th. She and her husband look forward to 1995! ...**Marjorie Poor Doyle**'s assessment after Reunion was, "The world treated us well; we may never know how well we treated it." ...**Frankie Cornwall Hutner** is working on another book, titled *Women Shaping the 21st Century*. She is the author of the chapters on economic and demographic issues. She thought the Reunion was great and wishes to thank all who made it so. ...**Page Grosenbaugh Rowe** said it was great to see so many classmates back for Reunion and wants to thank the College, the chairmen and the committees—as well as the weatherman, for a really memorable weekend. They enjoyed a fine couple of weeks skiing in Maine, a grandson's wedding, more excellent concerts from offspring, more poetry from their Midd English major, and were looking forward to a two-week tour of the Canadian Rockies and the Northwest coast in September.

...Although **Ray Kiely** was listed as coming to the Reunion from Atlanta, Ga., he advises us that he was actually in Atlanta for only nine months on special assignment. He is now back home at 3504 Colony Road N.E., Charlotte, NC 28211. ...**Asa Shiverick** has given up skiing, but does some fishing and boating, and enjoys a game of golf. Asa and his wife do some traveling, planning to sail around the Black Sea on the *Argonaut* in September. The Shivericks have nine grandchildren, the oldest of whom is eight. "As you can guess, they keep us busy," writes Asa. ...**Don Noonan** enjoyed our 50th Reunion and advises us to "remember the good and forget the sad." He saw all the improvements, then went out-of-doors to see memories of the Middlebury years—Bread Loaf, Dunmore, Morgan Horse Farm, Vergennes and other areas of interest. "In spirit I represented my father at his 99th Reunion—the Class of 1891." ...Peg and **Stan Moore** are just completing driving their 2-CV Citroen through the lower 48 states. "It has been a wonderful experience in our first year of retirement, seeing many friends across the States and getting newly in touch with what is happening in America in the year 1990." ...**Gordon "Red" Ellmers** agrees that we had a perfect three-day reunion with good old friends, perfect weather, and well-planned activities. After our reunion, **Charlie Straight** and wife Paula went over to Bates to attend her 50th. Needless to say, he preferred ours! He also sent **Bob Alden** a snapshot of Bob holding one of the cups our class won.

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Class Secretaries: *Topsy Wadlund House, RD 1, Box 3039, Hyde Park, VT 05655, and Lester W. Ingalls, Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

By now, at this holiday season, our 50th Reunion Yearbook has been published and should be in your hands. What a great job the committee did! Our congratulations and profound appreciation to **B. Grow Grim** and **Roger Griffith**, our stalwart editors, and their able colleagues who produced this journalistic gem. Now that you have read all those fascinating autobiographies, you can look forward to seeing most of these old friends at our Reunion on the campus at dear Old Midd, May 30-31, June 1-2, 1991. Since you now have the latest word from each of our classmates, news in this column is understandably brief. ...Despite the many hours devoted to the Yearbook, three of the committee members managed to squeeze in a trip. **Charlotte Miller Karr** embarked on a three-week Elderhostel program which involved a week each in Dublin, Ireland, Aberdeen, Scotland, and Durham, England: "A high point literally and emotionally was the moment I stood on Hadrian's Wall to scan the rolling hills to the south and north. The program included many trips to castles, manor houses, gardens and cathedrals as well as evening entertainments that often gave us the flavor of the country through songs and dances presented by people of the area." ...**Bill** and Helen Rotch '43 **Ferguson** spent a couple of weeks in England. ...Bill and **B. Grow Grim** fulfilled a long-held dream when they flew to Seattle, took a 12-day bus tour of the Canadian Rockies and flew back home from Calgary. ...We express our thanks to **Jim Turley** and **Roy Hovey** for their thoughtful letters last summer enclosing bios, to **Al Howes** for contacting the University of Michigan alumni office for an address in search of **Joe Jewell**, and to **Doris Wickware** and **Walt Jones** for several "leads." Lastly, but not leastly, we anticipate resuming our conversations with them and with all of you at the Grand Fiesta Forty-One come spring.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 29 Long Reach, Salem, SC 29676.*

Our class is on the move, helping to change the demographics of the country. New addresses include **Raymond H. Squire** (P.O. Box 146, Milton Mills, NH 03852), **Wilfred Ouimette** (3522 Tree Line Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231), **Beatrice Simpler Braun** (2110 Arbuckle Road, Spring Hill, FL 34608), **Alfred Patterson, Jr.** (P.O. Box 565, Port Salerno, FL 34992), **Charles** and **Ruth Taylor Clapper** (18 N. Main St., Woodstown, NJ 08098), **A. Wilson Wood** (36 Bagdad Road, Needell Acre, Durham, NH 03824), **John Franklin** (R.R. 1, Box 99, Shoreham, VT 05770), **the Rev. David Emmons** (P.O. Box 5B, 46 Heydon House, Somerset Bridge SB BX, Bermuda), **John Corbin** (P.O. Box 157663, Irving, TX 75105), **Lois Grimm Dustin** (302 Alicante Drive, #102, Juno Beach, FL 33408), **Charles Sanford** (127 Otumoetai Road, Tauranga, New Zealand). This last address is courtesy of Les Ingalls '41, who heard from Charlie in '85 that he had retired from RPI, married Noeline, from New Zealand, and settled there in a home by the sea with a lovely garden. ...A card from **Dan Davis** informs us that he has finally really retired and is trying to figure out how to keep busy. ...**Elaine George Schwartz** has family nearby in Colorado and not so far away in Minnesota. She has spent some time in Florida, getting reacquainted with warm weather and the ocean. ...**Cliff Fulton** summers on Bantam Lake in Connecticut with a son and grandsons in a cottage next door. He is also active in the community on several boards and president of the United Way of three towns. Congratulations to Cliff and all other volunteers. Cliff runs into **Chuck Beach** occasionally at civic functions. ...**Joan Calley Cooper** left her California home for New Hampshire the first of June and wasn't planning to return to San Francisco until November. She saw **Bill Wood** in Portsmouth, Al and Jo Higgins Wolfley, both '45, in Maine, Marjorie Jolivette Manning '44 in Marlboro, Vt., at the music festival, and she entertained **Hope Barton Fitzpatrick** for a weekend. She also had plans to attend two Elderhostels with **Margie Fell Council** in Turkey and Greece, with a week in between in Crete. ...Last June, Ed '40 and **Jane Giblin Langey** visited friends and their youngest daughter in Colorado, where they enjoyed the snowy peaks and marvelous clear air. They walked through the construction on the Midd campus in early May, admiring the new buildings. For those of you who haven't been back in some time you have a treat in store. ...**W. Irving Senne** has spent most of his career in the printing sales field after working at the Frick Museum in NYC in the fine printing division. Now he is semi-retired doing printing design and photography. We'll designate him our official photographer for Reunion. He and wife Marcia enjoy canoeing, walking the Maine beaches and generally enjoying life in Maine. They have a married daughter who works at a local radio station. ...John and **Virginia McKinley Hawkinson** have lived on a boat the last two summers in Minnesota, but head back to Florida before the snow flies. ...**Lewis Alexander** gets the travel award. This is his last year as a professor at the University of Rhode Island doing research for the government and other groups. In the past year he has participated in conferences in Chile, West Germany, the U.K., Japan, China and Moscow. A lot of packing and unpacking! His wife is a specialized fisheries librarian at the university. After retirement in '91 they plan to divide their time between Washington, London and Rhode Island. Hope the post office can keep up with them! They sound very energetic and will be at Reunion. ...**Ellen Holt Erb** is still having arm problems, but manages to play the organ with one hand and her feet at church and for a theater group. She and Ed had quite an experience in the wilds of Utah when they had car trouble at night. A trailer truck towed them 30 miles to a large truck stop which had lovely accommodations. After the motor was repaired they were on their way to the Dinosaur National Monument and Flaming Gorge. Back in Salt Lake City they enjoyed an organ recital at the Tabernacle. Their children all live near them and they have seven grandchildren. ...**Virgie Witte Miller** and her husband have covered some ground. The highlight of their April trip to Egypt was six days cruising the Nile, comparing the stark desert with the Sonora Desert in Arizona. (We agree that Egypt is fascinating. Luxor blew my mind—the amazing state of preservation in the tombs.) In June they visited the Tetons then headed for the old mining towns in Colorado. Virgie volunteers at the art museum and enjoys hiking. ...**Bob Bredenberg** wrote from Homer, Alaska, where they were touring in their motor home. They hit Anchorage, Denali National Park and Fairbanks. En route home they visited children and grandchildren in California. ...**Barbara York Linscott** is busier than ever, due to the depressed economy, in her job as account executive at the top station (WADB) in the Monmouth, N.J., area. She has been an activist for Central America through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for five years but resigned to become a family activist with two young granddaughters. Her interest in Central America was sparked by a visit in Cape Cod with **Sandy MacDonald Bagley** who had two Salvadoran teenagers under her wing. Barbara still misses her Midd friends in the Boston area. She would like news of **Sally Tyler Vickers** and **Elaine George Schwartz**. So would we! Barbara had a trip to California in September and will be with us at Reunion. ...**Scott Morrow** has been painting, sculpting, and building a 63-inch wingspan RC aircraft. He wants to paint a picture of **Eddie Gignac** and his plane, for which project he is seeking the following information: 1) What A.F. squadron did he fly with both in the Pacific and in Europe? 2) What kind of planes did he fly (P-39 in Pacific for one)? 3) Does anyone have a picture of him in his last years? 4) What were the circumstances of his death over the Channel or Europe on D-Day? 5) How was his last plane (or others) decorated? Colors? 6) Where is he buried? 7) Was he an ace? 8) Who served with him? 9) Who has his flight records? Scott's address is 36 E. Shore Road, Denville, NJ 07834 (phone 201-586-1701). ...**Ken** and Eleanor **Cosgrove** invited us to a delightful club for a game of mixed doubles golf. In the evening **Parke Wright** and his wife joined us for dinner. The latter have retired to Hendersonville, where Ken has been an internist for many years. We had a glorious trip to the Tetons, Yellowstone and Glacier in late June and July. Much snow and high water with a lot of animals in the lower pastures. You will be hearing from us in '91 as we prepare for our Reunion. We enjoy getting your letters and passing along your news to the whole class.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. A. Cutler Silliman (Kathryn Sempepos), 279 Chestnut St., Fredonia, NY 14063, and Dr. S. Peter Nikitas, 41 Stonehenge Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.*

John Kalajian (6192 Hardy Drive,

McLean, VA 22101) has had a busy life. An instructor in radar navigational aids in southern Italy in 1944-45, he was sent at the end of the European war to Trinidad and to Puerto Rico for demobilization. In 1946 he began graduate work at the University of Syracuse School of Journalism. In 1948 he became a reporter on the *Bergen Evening Record* in Hackensack, N.J. Nine months later he landed a job with the International News Service in New York City. In 1950 he joined the U.S. Foreign Broadcast Information Service as an editor. His work with this agency took him to Cyprus (twice), Washington, Key West, Nigeria, Austria and Paraguay. Finally he returned to a staff position in Washington and took early retirement in 1977. Since then, he has "been doing some contract editing, playing bridge, and sharpening up my tennis game." He married Mary Contakos in 1951; their son, Peter, was born in Cyprus. ...**Roger Easton** has been "an electronic engineer, an electrical engineer, a mechanical engineer, a celestial mechanic, a space engineer, a structures engineer, a civil engineer and an aeronautical engineer. I have written computer programs for trusses and for surveyors, I have also done work in engineering economics and have pleaded my case before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Judicially I lost, but historically I won. I have also served as a New Hampshire State Representative for two terms. I am now a director of a firm which produces cesium clocks for satellites and am a trustee for Craftsbury Academy, a school I attended in Vermont. One of my projects in Craftsbury has been to help replace the magnificent elm trees destroyed by the Dutch elm disease with the Liberty Elm, a resistant variety. This summer we planted the first tree of 101 purchased for the replacement project." ...**Bud Nims** says he is "still working. Put my money into bringing up 10 kids (two born, eight acquired) instead of CDs. Went to Massachusetts for first vacation in four years in early August. Six grandchildren. Don't travel much. Lot of remodeling and reading. Hope to see you one of these days." (We suggest that Bud plan on our 50th Reunion in '93!) ...Joe and **Gertrude (Scotty) Lacey Thornton** are retired and active in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Scotty paints and is working to establish a community arts center. They spent March and April in Cairo, where Joe was assigned to a project in the International Executive Service Corps (which Scotty calls "the Paunch Corps rather than the Peace Corps.") Meanwhile she volunteered to teach English to children of Ethiopian refugees whose families were "in transit," hoping to emigrate to Australia, Canada or the U.S.A. ...**Jean Jordan Sheild** is still teaching fourth grade in Monona, Wis., and plans to work two more years, making it 20 in the classroom. "That means I will be free to attend our 50th! Is it possible?" John continues as associate minister at Lake Edge U.C.C. The Sheilds recently finished a two-week work camp in Philadelphia with 26 high school students, working with the homeless in the inner city—a real learning experience and an eye-opener for the teenagers. Jean has four children and five grandchildren, prompting her to write, "Am I lucky or what?" Her hobbies continue to be biking, swimming, aerobics and cross-country skiing. ...Bill and **Yvonne Golding Weinhardt** celebrated their 44th anniversary in June. Bill is semi-retired and does private consulting. They travel often, this fall to Scandinavia. Their family of four children is widely scattered (Michigan, Washington, D.C., Houston and Dallas), but managed a family reunion, including seven grandchildren, last summer in Dallas. Yvonne hopes to be at 50th Reunion. Don't disappoint us Yvonne—it's been too long. ...**Elva Tarbell Johnson Procopio** writes "We find the golden years to be truly golden! Paul and I both enjoy good health and are very active in church activities, volunteering, family and travel. My brief time in a second career in the banking world (after Ken Johnson's death in 1977) ended happily after five years when Paul and I married in 1983. He is a retired professor of landscape architecture at U.Mass (Amherst). Our combined families number 18; there are four lively grandchildren. If anyone wonders about second marriages in the later years, we heartily recommend it! No stress and worries about getting ahead in a career, no children to raise, lots of leisure; and with good health comes the freedom to do what you want when you want. The freedom of condo living (with minor drawbacks) adds to our enjoyment of life. Each year we spend three and one-half months in our mobile home at Oak Harbor, Haines City, Fla. Our travels have taken us to many national parks in the West and Northwest, including the Canadian Rockies. It's a marvelous land that we have!" ...**Katherine Kurtz Hodges** has been in Brewster, Mass., for 19 years and never ceases to enjoy the beauties of Cape Cod. Kitsie runs a small business out of her home, publishing a monthly advertising booklet, which still leaves her time for a few volunteer activities and visits from her lovely granddaughter. She also does other jobs with her typesetting and graphics equipment. Nowadays Kitsie is known as Kit or Katherine.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles A. Brown (Elizabeth Broadbent), 625 Cedar Lane, Villanova, PA 19085, and David Stebbins, 5 Brennan Drive, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.*

After a longer wait than many of us, Edie and **Hal Parker** became proud first-time grandparents on June 19, 1990, when son Stuart and wife Abby had a daughter. Thanks to Don Gilmore '45, Hal has discovered a new hobby and went off on his second archaeology "dig" last summer; hot and tiring, but very rewarding work. ...**Rod Frank**'s new address is P.O. Box 12487, Palm Desert, CA 92265. He spends a lot of time traveling and plans a trip to Norway soon to visit his brother who has lived there for several years. ...**Dave** and Irmy Nierhaus '48 **Stebbins** celebrated their 40th anniversary with a cruise to Bermuda in June. Earlier in June Dave attended his 50th reunion at Vermont Academy. He was disappointed that **John Cadwell** couldn't make it, but was pleasantly surprised to see **Paul Crocker** there. After two years at Middlebury, the Air Force grabbed Paul in spite of a promise that it would allow him to finish college. After the war he somehow managed to obtain a graduate degree in architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design without having an undergraduate degree. Paul retired 12 years ago from a successful career as an architect and now lives with wife Mavis in Falmouth, Mass., where he can enjoy his three daughters' families, travel and windsurfing (his favorite hobby). ...Congratulations to **Hugh Taft**, who has been elected chairman of the board of directors of First National Bank of Vermont. Hugh has been on the board since 1967 and is also a director of the bank's parent company, Independent Bankgroup, Inc. ...An article of interest appeared last summer in the *Burlington Free Press* about how a small Vermont publishing company, Countryman Press, has been able to compete profitably with the larger publishing houses. Countryman Press was founded by **Peter Jennison** in 1973 and has established its special niche with emphasis on a "hugely popular series of outdoor recreation guides." Peter's life work has been writing and publishing. He is the author of two novels and several other recreation and how-to guide books. ...**Al** and Hedy Hogg '45 **Boissevain** went on the alumni tour to the Soviet Union and Mongolia June 7-27, 1990. This was their second alumni tour, having been on the China tour a few years ago. They highly recommend these tours to the rest of us, should we have the opportunity. This trip, covering some 36,000 miles, visited Helsinki, Leningrad and Moscow, as well as three days viewing the beautiful scenery along the Trans-Siberian Railway. Al says the Mongolian food was okay and plentiful, but the "wine was terrible." What would you expect from one who has his own home-grown high quality standards? Are you shipping a case or two for our 50th, Al? ...Al and **Edith Johansen Connellee** were instrumental in organizing their 50th high school reunion in Westfield, N.J., in October. "Jo" says that she and Al both do community work, including Meals on Wheels and one day a week volunteering at the town library ("to pay back for all the libraries around the world that saved my sanity"). Their "busy lives, good lives" include gardening, with three plots in the Short Hills, N.J., community garden. Their kids are scattered in Vermont, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Missouri, and they have seven grandchildren, aged 12 to 25. "How did it all happen so quickly?" The Connellees retired in 1982 from Australia where Al worked for Esso Standard Oil. ...A canoe trip through the New Jersey Pine Barrens with the Philadelphia Middlebury Club was much enjoyed by **Betty Broadbent Brown** in June. About 40 hardy Middlebury souls paddled down the twisting Batsto River to Atsion Lake in the Wharton State Forest. No mosquitoes, no poison ivy, very little underbrush—just miles of stately pines and scrub oak, a few rare flowers and birds, and incredible quiet. In August Betty and Charlie spent two weeks in the Adirondacks at Long Lake, another fabulous state forest and the biggest natural preserve in the country. This grandmother type enjoyed huffing and puffing on her short mountain climbs with her grandchildren. Fun! ...After a busy eight weeks in Maine with family and company, **Pat Noe Bursaw** wrote from their condominium on the river in the historic part of Portsmouth, N.H. Bill Bursaw '41 continues to work in the family business in Massachusetts and also on the 50th Reunion of his class in June '91. Heading for Naples, Fla., in mid-October, Pat explains that "when we sold our home in Wenham, we settled for two condominiums. 'Turnkey' life style is great once all the family is gone." **Pete** and Barbara Busing '46 **Harris** stopped to visit the Bursaws while in Portsmouth on business. Barbara deals with one of the old book stores within walking distance. Pat also sees **Betty Jane Smith Johnson** occasionally in Wenham. Pat and Bill feel fortunate to have six of their children living in the area. One daughter is in Juneau, Alaska. ...**Jane Landes** had a nice birthday party at the home of **Irv** and **Muriel Roome Wakeman** with **Nancy Read** and **Ruth Waldmann**. But Jane found "that 6 and 8 on the cake" very "disconcerting!" Jane attended her nephew Paul's different and fun wedding in Stillwater, Minn. The ceremony was held on a train, the *Minnesota Zephyr*, and after the wedding they had a three-hour train ride and a delicious dinner. Jane and her sister spent two weeks visiting relatives in Iowa, where they had the new experience of being awakened at 6:15 a.m. for a tornado warning. In March, a tornado had taken the end off the building next to Jane's cousin. In July, Landy spent five days in "God's country," visiting **Jean Milligan** and **Helen Beardslee Johnstone** in Burlington.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Winslow Wetherbee, Jr. (Barbara Boyden), 1642 18th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, and Alan Wolfley, 22 Canaan Close, New Canaan, CT 06840.*

Felicia and **Rod Grant** returned from leading a Rotary study group trip to Brazil with a better understanding of Brazil, its people and problems. Their group included a medical illustrator, an insurance executive, a shopping mall special projects manager and a ceramics engineer. The group traveled through Brazil for 30 days—by boat, bus, plane and sometimes even by foot. The Rotary program's goal is world peace through understanding. ...**Char Hickcox** and **Dottie Laux O'Brien** had a nice visit at Dottie's home in Manchester, Vt., after reunion. ...**Jane Cline Finley** and **Baba Boyden Wetherbee** met for a Midd lunch in Beaver, Pa., halfway between their respective homes. The day was a huge success. Plans are to do it again and perhaps include more '45ers in the area. **Mike Mann** missed our 45th due to reunion conflicts with his duties as a trustee of Albany Academy. Mike, who admits to being "semi-retired" from his real estate business, frequently travels with wife, Helen, south and west to visit their two children. ... The entire class will be saddened to learn of the deaths of **Lyn Knust Calder** and **Lot Page** this past summer. Their obituaries appear elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Roy E. Coombs, Jr. (Fran Tenney), 30 Fern Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922, and Mrs. Albert S. Johnston (Eileen Luz), 54 Old Army Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.*

As soon as you begin to use your new 1991 calendars, the first date to circle is the weekend of May 31-June 2—our 45th Reunion! Plans are well under way for the big event. You will hear more as we get closer to the celebration. ...**Mary Cummings Nordstrom** reports that Ev retired last summer and, as soon as they sell their home in Chapel Hill, N.C., they plan to move to Pinehurst, "near but not on the #3 golf course." Ev will continue his career in fund-raising in retirement, as vice president of the Capital Consortium in Raleigh. Mary is hoping for a second edition of her book, *Outdoor Drama.* ...**Barbara Kingsley** writes that the Oregon Health Sciences University is conducting clinical tests of a promising controlled-release drug for Parkinson's disease. "Since Parkinson's has interrupted some of my normal activities it seems appropriate that I will be the first Oregon volunteer to test this potentially important treatment." Results will not be known for some time, but it must help to be doing something positive. We will be eager for an update and some encouraging news from Barbara. ...Preparing for her retirement five years ago, **Lois Brigham Selnau** took several courses at the University of Connecticut so she could delve deeper into her hobby of researching family history. She is also very involved in church activities, particularly as co-chair of the board of Christian education. Elmer is also retired, but they expect to remain in Farmington. Their two sons are nearby, in Simsbury and Bristol, and they have one granddaughter. Lois's mother, who is 102, has lived in an area nursing home for the past nine years. Lois reminded me that at our last reunion she was the lucky winner in the drawing for the Middlebury chair. She thinks of us all as she enjoys using it every day. ...Having spent most of the first half of their married life in Germany, George and **Betty Ann Donelan Gilmore** have now been in Oakton, Va., for a number of years. George has retired twice and is back at work once more. B.A. ended her teaching career a year ago. Her teaching included leading student tours to Spain, Portugal, Africa and Mexico. She would love to do more of this, but the planning involves an incredible amount of work. Meanwhile, she is studying to be a Spanish docent at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. She plays tennis three to fives times a week and frequently plays with **Mary Nasmith Means**. The two Gilmore sons live in Toronto and Chicago; their daughter is in Durham, N.C. ...Last February Dave and **Chris Becker Hutchinson** returned to India where they had lived in 1958. Our thanks to **Mary Means** for sharing Chris's observations, which were originally sent to **Mary Jane Selleck Hellekjaer**. She notes that, though the population has doubled since 1958 to 800 million (and they don't even try to count the homeless), India is now able to feed its people, a major advance. The British heritage of democracy seems well entrenched, but other signs of British rule are disappearing. We hope Chris and Dave will be at our Reunion to share much more about their trip. ...**Walt** and **Jane Billings Webb** were hoping to leave for the Pacific Northwest soon after I (Fran) saw them at the end of summer. One son lives in Seattle, while their other children are on the East Coast. They were eager to have the dates for Reunion so they can plan around it. We hope you all feel the same way!

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Class Secretaries: Joanne Buckeridge Booth and Rev. George H. Booth, 3515 N. Washington Blvd., #401, Arlington, VA 22201.

While visiting Martha's Vineyard last spring, your class secretaries talked with **Catherine (Kitzie) Pomeroy Blair**, who has been living there for some 20 years, loving the relative tranquility of island life. She is working as secretary at the Cooperative Extension office in Oak Bluffs. She reports seeing **Nancy Finley Garrett**, who is an old friend from high school as well as college. Their three grown children are in the New England area which makes family visiting easier than it is for many these days. ...**Barbara (Bobbie) Bates Lauterwasser** is proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Steven, born on July 14. The new parents and grandbaby joined the rest of the family at Herb and Bobbie's cottage in Centre Harbor, N.H., where they summer. ...The third grandchild of **George** and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** was also born on July 14! Anyone else for births or weddings on French Independence Day? ...**James K. Hummer** was a member of the Middlebury tour of the Soviet Union and Mongolia in June. ...**Marion Durkee Stillman** attended the reunion weekend in June. ...Do send us news of what you are doing so that we can share it with fellow class members.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Benjamin L. Smith (Fran Van Cleve), P.O. Box 1307, Pahrump, NV 89041, and Stew Washburn, 60 Lakeview Place, Fairfield, CT 06430.*

What a pleasant surprise! During the short Midd visit of Ben and **Frances Van Cleve Smith** in August, Allen and **Margery Lehmann Stillman** arranged for a mini-reunion luncheon at Mr. Ups. Also present were Mary and **Walter Nelson**, **Martin** and **Ruth Burgess Schmidt, Patricia McCabe Perkins**, Professor Erie Volkert and his wife, Mary, and Hugh Marlow '57 from the alumni office. ...**Ann Clarke Curley** writes that "Two years ago we sold the Waterford, Va., house and bought a small farm (no animals) on six acres, which we love and which we landscape, mow and garden with gusto." Ann serves on a Blue Ribbon Committee for the Structure of Loudon County Government, and continues to write columns for the local papers and articles for professional magazines. Their three kids are all married, with the two daughters working in environmental and energy-related careers, and son Adam in his third year of law school. Ann's one granddaughter, Jenni (2-1/2), is "the light of everyone's life." Ann has completed her master's degree and all the course work for her doctorate (except the dissertation) during the '80s. She serves on the County Democratic Central Committee and continues "to hope, rather than to despair, and to commit to working for the elimination of ignorance and poverty and the promise of educational opportunity, tolerance and fairness in public life." ...**Rasjad Moore**, an Australian citizen for 13 years, admits to little contact with Midd since migrating to Australia in 1974. However, last year Jean Gunther '47 joined him on a camping trip of tropical Queensland—"which included fossicking for sapphires near Anakie." He recently moved from Kilivan to Brisbane (P.O. Box 279, West End, Q. 4101, Australia), where he and his cat live in the inner-city suburb of West End. He has lived in small country towns since retiring in 1986 from a reporter's job on the *Victor Harbor Times* in S. Australia. At age 64, he became eligible for an Australian war service pension, so he retired early. Since then he has been gold prospecting and writing. He is now working on a script for the Queensland Film Development Division on his experience living with the Aboriginal desert people. He also works one day a week as librarian for the State Library of Queensland. He worked as a volunteer in the Australian Labor Party's successful campaign to win the Queensland Parliament and helped out in federal elections for the Hawke Labor Government. ...**Ronald W. Butterfield** and wife Madeleine "are starting to enjoy a new life. With seven daughters and seven colleges and seven female weddings, we feel like the dog who appreciates it when you stop beating him." They now have 15 grandchildren and spend more time at their condo on Melbourne Beach, Fla. Ron says his wife urges him to sell the business and the office building, "but I enjoy my work so much. I would wish others could know the happiness of my life." ...Manchester Memorial Hospital reports that **William R. Johnson**, chairman of their board of trustees, has been chosen 1990 recipient of the "Award for Distinguished Service to Philan-

'48ers who live in the Middlebury area, along with spouses and guests, gathered last summer at Mr. Ups for a mini-reunion: from left, Mary Nelson, Professor Emeritus of Drama Erie Volkert, Class Secretary Frances Van Cleve Smith '48 and husband Ben (visiting the Northeast from their home in Nevada), Martin Schmidt '48, Trish McCabe Perkins '48, Ruth Burgess Schmidt '48, Margery Lehmann Stillman '48, Allan Stillman, Mary Volkert and Walt Nelson '48.

thropy" sponsored by NEAHD. According to NEAHD president Mark Kortegan, "Bill Johnson has played a significant role in the success of the fund-raising efforts of Manchester Memorial Hospital." Bill has been involved with Meals on Wheels, Crossroads counseling, Conference of Churches and Lutz Children's Museum. He is president of the Manchester Community College Foundation and is a member of several local boards. ...The new address for Dr. **Laurence C. Thompson, Jr.**, is 60 N. Beretania St., #103, Honolulu, HI 96817 (business phone, 808-948-8307). ...Dr. **George T. Merritt**'s new address is 221 Franklin St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003 (business phone, 201-340-7788). His business, Merritt Personnafax, Inc., is located at 39 Lackawanna Place in Bloomfield. ...**Robert A. Fuller**, who is at Coakley Bay, C-6, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820, is now doing management consulting part time.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Ashworth Anderson, 5431 Crestline Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 (302) 737-3403), and Bob Trimmer, 398 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312.*

Marjorie Mullen is a technical coordinator for the Warner Brothers television program, *Murphy Brown*, now in its third season on CBS. Working with the director to keep four cameras rolling simultaneously, she finds it a "wonderful job with talented people and much laughter." The crew starts each new show on Monday morning and shoots it with an audience the following Friday night. She works with the *Murphy Brown* series from August through April and does free-lance work on feature films the rest of the year. This is usually single camera work shot on location. Customary work weeks are 60 hours with many 18-hour days. Among her assignments have been the *Dick Van Dyke* and *Mary Tyler Moore* shows, *Foley Square, My Sister Sam*, a Disney feature and many Westerns. Marjorie enthusiastically invites classmates to visit and to experience her irregular schedule. She occasionally travels East to see brothers and sisters and aims to hit the lottery to fulfill her dream of traveling to Australia and New Zealand. ...Inveterate traveler **Ellen Taussig** also wants to go to New Zealand—this time for an extended visit as she and her sister had only two days there some years ago while cruising the South Pacific. This December they were sailing south from Santiago, Chile, around Cape Horn and up to Buenos Aires. In 1988, they started on a similar trip going in the opposite direction, but Ellen became deathly ill en route to Rio de Janeiro and recalls "it was the only time in my life I was the first person off the plane." Last July, while on a trip East to a nephew's wedding, she had a lively reunion with **Jane Baker** (who is semi-retired from teaching) and **Mary Seacord Shahan**. Prior to the '49ers' 40th Reunion, Ellen went on a Nutri-System diet. She estimates it cost her $100 per pound for the weight she lost—and $300 per pound for the weight she gained back the following November on a cruise through the Mediterranean! Ellen decided to retire on her 58th birthday from GTE where she worked for 30 years in public affairs. Before GTE, she had been managing editor of *Photoplay Magazine*. Nowadays, she collects penguins, plays golf three or four times a week and swims almost daily in the pool of the home she shares with her sister in Yucca Valley, Calif. She serves on the board of directors of the local Playhouse Guild and for the Telephone Pioneers Association for whom she writes newsletters. It was a rare honor to be awarded life membership in the Pioneers Association when she retired from the communications field. She also has been writing articles about United Way agencies and about her experiences as a 1990 census taker. ...**Mary C. Fisher** (6225 Vine Hill School House Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472; 707-823-1615) no longer practices law. She is a deacon in the Episcopal church and was looking forward to ordination to the priesthood in the fall. Of interest is the fact that both Mary and **Barbara Bishop** graduated from the same high school in Brooklyn, N.Y., and both are now in religious service. After graduating from Middlebury, Mary served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, retired from the military and attended law school. She worked for the chief judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Of all the places Mary has lived and worked, she found that Alaska has the most pleasant environment. She worked for a federal judge in Fairbanks for a year. She has been in northern California for two years and has not been back to Middlebury since 1949. ...Despite what you may have seen in the movies, it *is* possible to retire from the CIA! **Casimiro (Chi Chi) Barquin** did just that after 23 years with the Agency. Chi Chi admits to being a special forces paratrooper and demolitions expert in five different wars, but that's as specific as he wants to be. After his retirement, he taught high school chemistry, coached golf and served as a director of athletics. Those who remember Chi Chi's sports career at Middlebury won't be surprised to learn that he played softball until he was 60 and runs in five and 10 kilometer races. The Barquins have two children and three grandchildren. ...**E. Leighton Hutchinson** recently retired after 35 years of teaching languages at Tabor Academy in Sandwich, Mass. Actually, Leighton is only semi-retired as he is in the classroom three days a week to teach two advanced Spanish classes. Leighton and wife Loretta have three children and two grandchildren. Daughter Marcia is a lawyer and mother. Sons Jon and Steve are in the construction business, and Steve is also a tennis instructor in Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard. Leighton spends his spare time reading (mainly biographies) and plays some tennis and golf. (Having a tennis instructor in the family probably helps his game!) The Hutchinsons spend time with Richard and Joan Viehdorfer Roller, both '67. ...**Phil Deane**, after retiring from pediatric practice five years ago, has served six-month assignments in American Samoa and Zimbabwe with wife Lola, who is a nurse-practitioner. They also spent two tours in Pakistan, designing medical curriculum and training doctors. Phil has built a "northwest contemporary" house on Shaw Island, Wash., 70 miles and a ferry ride from Seattle. The Deanes have six children and 12 grandchildren. Phil keeps in touch with Irv and Kathy Pell Meeker, both '50, and had a visit in June from **Bob** and Britt (Ruth) Britton '47 **Gore**. ...From Cheshire, Conn., **Ed Kania** reports that he has had a varied career as financial officer of MacDermid, American Brass and Waterbury Farrell. Ed and wife Mary Ellen have three children: son Ed, Jr., is a venture capital expert in Boston; daughter Roberta is a Yale Law School graduate and practicing lawyer; son John is a management consultant in Boston. ...**Jack Bours** worked for U.S. Steel for 25 years, retiring in 1978. He was then employed for eight years by the City of New York Department of Aging. Jack lives in Brooklyn on Prospect Park West and also has a retirement home in Brewster, N.Y. He has been researching the genealogy of his Belgian family. ...**Robert G. Williams** of Newington, Conn., was promoted to vice president of Union Trust Company in April. He is responsible for market research at the bank's Trap Falls Administration Center in Shelton, Conn. Bob and wife Elaine have four children and three grandchildren. ...For 15 years, **Marilyn MacKenzie Tichy** has been president of Avionics Plastics Company (Hauppauge, N.Y.), manufacturers of custom parts of injected molded plastic. Two of her sons are among the 100-plus employees who work in a modern 100,000-square-foot building. Ten years ago, her husband, Barney, retired from Grumman Aerospace Corporation and joined her. It was his invention for their first child of a drinking straw for a baby bottle that formed the basis of their original company. The Tichys have three sons, one daughter and 10 grandchildren. Their middle son works for Georgia Gulf Corporation; their daughter is an architect in Cortland, N.Y. The Tichys took their first vacation in several years last spring, cruising to Alaska on a 440-foot ship with 127 passengers and computer-operated sails. Marilyn loves her work which has gotten her completely away from housework and cooking. As the executor of an aunt's estate, she is acutely aware that we each need to prepare our estate carefully to reduce the time-consuming burden associated with this task, not to mention the need to keep taxes and expenses to a minimum. Marilyn is hoping to influence Barney to celebrate their anniversary—which falls on the 45th Reunion weekend—at Middlebury.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert Kingsland (Elly Flett), Foster Hill Road, West Brookfield, MA 01585, and Mrs. F. R. Young (Anna Sherwood), 24 Whitehall Ave., Edison, NJ 08820.*

Jackie Brooks Davison and **Dex Whittinghill** are a mighty tough act to follow. Their columns were always great and the reunion was superb. The next time you're in Middlebury, plan to visit the memorial tree planted in front of the Johnson Memorial Building. We're never quite up to date with the sad list, it seems, but the 43 deceased members of the Class of '50 whose names were read in that very moving ceremony included (women) **Kathryn Pauley Baldwin, Joan Ritter Beebe, Janice Foote Guglin, Josephine Dodge Hill, Priscilla Wood MacLean, Irene K. McLoughlin, Eloise Carleton Mercado, Amy K. Quinn** and **Beverley Clark Wernhoff**; (men) **Charles Edward Barrett, Peter C. Benedict, Charles H. Bond, George A. Boublik, Richard H. Bowen, Hadden Clark, Richard C. Drown, George R. Dunning, Jr., Homer B. Ellis, Jr., Bailey Goodell, Richard Burgner Hackett, John H. Halpin, Thomas F. Halpin, John B. Hamre, John A. Henderson, T. William Hentz, Robert C. Hope, Richard B. Hunt, Stephen Henry Judson, James L. Marchese, Jr., Walter Arthur Maurer, Robert P. McCarthy, Charles R. Morris, Francis V. Murray, Raymond S. Noonan, Jr, Theodore J. Novak, Howard C. Peckins, William H. Price, David L. Rowell, William Arthur Sagar, John E. Shahan, Jr., Joseph A. Tache, Michael Tanes** and **John D. Truesdale**. ...Enjoyed seeing **Steve Welch** and wife Pat who are happily retired at their home on Lake Champlain. Steve really does look exactly as he did in 1950! ...**"Corky" Elwell** has retired as town manager of Brattleboro and is doing part-time consulting work for the State of Vermont. Congratulations to Corky for an illustrious career in municipal management. ...Joel '49 and **Bambi Ellsworth Lamere** drove down from their new home in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom to join us for Sunday brunch. Joel has joined the corps of retirees, while Bambi still works as personnel director at Copley Hospital. ...Met up with **Rufus Cush-**

man on his way to choir practice at Mead Chapel. Back home in Longmeadow, Mass., he sings regularly in the church choir and is active in a close-harmony singing group called The Spare Parts, whose slogan is "We sing 'til we get it right." ...We caught **Virginia Worley Valpey** in the act of entertaining four grandchildren—girls (2 and 3 years) and boys (7 and 10). Ginny, having "retired," is now involved in selling real estate, serving on the board of directors of her civic association, manning a crisis hotline, directing the choir and playing the organ at the Unitarian church (of which she and her husband are charter members) and directing the Dare singers, a choral group. ...**Bob Cleary** is recuperating at home in Boxford, Mass., from major surgery. When I (**Elly Flett Kingsland**) called to express my concern and regret for his ordeal, I was the one cheered up by the patient. His sense of humor coupled with a touch of feistiness should see him through to a speedy recovery. Godspeed, Bob. ...Guess who drove to Middlebury on the evening of the reunion banquet, circled behind Gifford and Hepburn, cruised on down along South Street, and then, for lack of a parking spot, bagged it and returned to Burlington? Right—**Jean Walsh**! Jean is still working as traffic manager at WCAX-TV, but it's not the same old job. With the advent of cable television and increased competition, the job has grown with the industry. Jean skied in the Canadian Rockies last spring. A year ago she toured the U.S. and Canadian West (Salt Lake, Yellowstone, Vancouver, Victoria and Lake Louise, Seattle and San Francisco) with some friends. ...Middlebury trustee **Al Dragone** has been appointed to the board of trustees of Centre College, Danville, Ky., from which Al's son, Christopher, graduated in 1982. Al became chairman this year of the Arcadian Corporation and, in January, was elected chairman of the New York Racing Association, Inc. He's also a member and steward of the Jockey Club, and a member of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners and the American Horse Council. ...**Betty Glenn Gunderson** (formerly "Sandy") and her husband retired several years ago to League City, south of Houston and close to Galveston Bay, where both of their sons also live. They were celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary in September. Betty was visited not long ago by Caroline Wheeler Sawyer '49, who was her roommate senior year, and the conversation just sort of picked up right where it had left off 40 years before. ...**Hazel ("Jinx") Savary Castro** offered the sad news that **Marty Balcom Pugh** died of cancer in fall 1989. A memorial will appear in a future issue of this magazine. Jinx holds a number of part-time jobs at the same location, a county college in Dupage (26 miles west of the center of Chicago) where she has worked for some 25 years. The college teaches English as a second language, along with civics and vocational training, to refugees from 53 countries. Funded by a number of state and federal grants, Jinx substitutes as a teacher of English as a second language; manages a literacy program called People Educating People, using volunteers as classroom aides and one-on-one tutors; and serves as assistant director of adult basic education. Jinx has also set up a program, working with a consortium of 35 colleges, to bring students over from Thailand each year. ...New address for **Warren** and **Ginsy Calhoun Frost**: 13518 Kittridge St., Van Nuys, CA 91401. You may write and ask them but they claim they don't know "who killed Laura Palmer."

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Higgins, Jr. (Jean Maintain), 44 Cabot St., Winchester, MA 01890, and Benito G. Barsanti, 70 Plymouth Road, Wakefield, MA 01880.*

"The time has come,
The Walrus said, To speak of many things"

With apologies to Lewis Carroll, we want to start this column by reminding everyone to make plans for our 40th Reunion, which is scheduled for May 31-June 2, 1991. Give your classmates a holiday gift by planning to attend now. It is amazing how quickly 40 years can disappear when you meet old friends and classmates. We are extremely thankful that so many of you have sent us information. Please accept our humble apologies if anyone has been overlooked. ...**Ellie Flandreau Josset** has already taken advantage of her retirement by attending some Middlebury functions and we look forward to seeing her at Reunion, if not sooner. ...**George Terner** writes from Rome (Via di Casalpalocco 126, I-000144, Rome, Italy) where he has been working for IBM-Italy for two years. It seems George has found La Dolce Vita to his liking, even though he did not think it would become his way of life. ...Since retiring from Aetna Life and Casualty in 1981, **Caroline Wheeler** and a long-time friend purchased a book shop with the unique name of The Little Book Shop. She states that "schlepping books is hard work!" She also writes of her two passions—the Chicago Lyric Opera and the Chicago Cubs. Well-rounded interests! ...After 25 years in university administration, **Don Lelong** has gone back to teaching economics to 400-500 students at the University of Texas. He and wife Jackie (Willaredt) '52 are wondering if there are any early '50s alumni living in or near the Austin, Texas, area. ...**Ellie Hight Morris** informs us that Irv '53 is looking forward to retirement. He has hopes of being able to play golf daily, but we hasten to inform him that it won't have any effect on his handicap. ...**Natalie Child Howard**'s husband, Al, advised us of the distressing news that Natalie suffered a serious and paralyzing accident while they were bicycling in Spain last spring. Apparently she hit a pothole was thrown over the handlebars of her bike, and fractured her fourth vertebra. She spent 12 days in a hospital in Spain and then extensive time at the spinal cord unit at University Hospital in Boston. She was then sent to the Northeast Rehabilitative Hospital in Salem, N.H. Jean had a wonderful visit with her there. Her fabulous smile hasn't changed one bit. She does have the use of her arms and still has her fighting spirit. She insisted that her daughter, Joanne, continue with her wedding plans and Natalie was there on June 23 for the marriage. Hopefully, by the time you read this, she will have returned to her home at 1085 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870 (phone 603-964-6701). I am certain that she would welcome cards from any and all. ...Ted and **Jane Hyde Christopher** have moved to 1052 Huntcliff Terrace, Dunwoody, GA 30350. (Why does that address make me think of a Gothic novel written by one of the Bronte sisters?) Jane is a development officer for the Presbyterian Homes in Georgia. She continues to play her share of tennis and golf. ...**Ed** and **Jean Maintain Higgins** were busy preparing for the September 22 wedding of their oldest daughter. Coincidentally, they were also trying to bring to completion an addition and some other improvements to their lovely Winchester, Mass., home. With all three daughters married, they must now be experts in handling wedding logistics! ...Nice to see that **Mal MacGregor** was elected president of Boyden International, Inc., of New York. Mal must be in love with the Golden Triangle. Even though he lists the corporate address as NYC, he still plans to stay in Pittsburgh. ...**Don Axinn** has been named to the board of trustees of the Long Island Nature Conservancy. ...**Ed Coppinger**, who has been living in Reading, Mass., is reportedly gearing up his golf game to win any reunion tournament that might be held. ...**Chet Nightingale** is still involved with printing and still living in Lynnfield, Mass. We hope to see both Ed and Chet at Reunion. ...Please note new addresses for **Joyce Boardman Kurr** (R.R. 1, Box 46, Indianfield Road, Clinton, NY 13323) and **Robert S. Bigelow** (P.O. Box 306, Newport, VT 05855).

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert Francoeur (Mary Halsted), 456 Gurney, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, and Al Mutti, 57 Crooked Trail Road, Rowayton, CT 06853.*

Much to her surprise (but not to many of us), **Mary "Tee" Thomsen Rand** was awarded the Alumni Plaque at Reunion '90. Congratulations to "Tee," who modestly claims that she received the award for her ability to persuade **Caryl Entwistle Huffaker** to host the Philadelphia Alumni Group's annual gathering at Caryl's lovely home, Beechwood Gale. We all know that there was a lot more to it than that—and Caryl probably would have graciously done it anyway. ...**Jeanne Parker Cahill** is still teaching French and Spanish, interviewing for Midd and babysitting with one grandchild three days a week while her daughter-in-law is a cardiac care nurse and son Bill '82 finishes night law school. She occasionally takes French exchanges to Paris. Two of her children live at home, one is at the Univ. of Michigan and three live in her hometown of Beverly, Mass. ...**Jonna Mauritzen Durden** has been teaching emotionally handicapped children for the county public schools in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., area. She and her husband, who is retired from the Marine Corps, have lived in Plantation, Fla., for 20 years. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. She says that **Priscilla Norman Forschler** retired last year. ...**Marty Peck Burgess** managed to travel to Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Petra in Jordan, England and Spain in 1989. ...I (**Mary Halsted Francoeur**) was fortunate to be able to spend a month in Turkey last spring—just in time. Ed and **Barbara Chaney Ferguson** had planned a trip there, but changed their destination to Scotland due to the crisis in the Middle East. I can't help but wonder what will be happening by the time this is printed. If all is calm, go to Turkey. It's fantastic! ...**Ray Ablondi**, who has retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 highly successful years, is now living in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Ray and wife Shirley also have a condo at Stratton

Pictured before Mad King Ludwig's castle (Neuschwannstein) on the Middlebury summer tour to Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Salzburg and Oberammergau are, from left, Carolyn Kildare Kramer '53 and husband Fred, Diane McAfee '64, Frances McBrien (M.A. Spanish '72), Barbara Kraft Parker '50 and husband Tod.

Mountain which, if they don't use themselves, their children surely will. Ray asked the whereabouts of **Fred Lake**, but I have no information. Let's hear from you, Fred. Ray played in the 1990 Gordie Perine Alumni-Guest Golf Tournament, as did I (**Al Mutti**). It was especially exciting this year and the golf course and scenery all very pretty. The weather was fine on Thursday, inclement on Friday, beautiful on Saturday. However, we found it very difficult to beat some of the good, young golfers who have recently attended the College. Ray played with Tim Wallace '57 (originally class of '52), who is living in Hamilton, Mass., and still working for the company of Jack Kirk '39. Tim asked about **Harry McGee**. I assume Harry still lives on Shelter Island, but I'd appreciate an update, Harry. **Towar Wade** spent August and September in Grand Isle, Vt., and played in the tournament along with wife Nan. Towar played well and Nan did exceptionally well, winning first prize based on the Chicago Handicap system. Congratulations! Also representing our class was **Dick Eddy**, professional golfer and sometimes businessman, playing out of the TPC in Cromwell, Conn., and the Pequot Golf Club near Stonington, Conn. Dick also finds time to enjoy his new boat on Long Island Sound. The Class of '53 was well represented by Dick Allen, Don Beers, Bob Kelly, Skip and Sue Valentine Jennings, Gale Shaw, Pat Hamilton Todd, Irv Morris and Norman Armour, most of whom were accompanied by their spouses. Friday night dinner and the Saturday awards banquet were exceptionally pleasurable and included some interesting comments from our new president, Dr. Tim Light. A very pleasant weekend for everyone, thanks to Gordie and the staff. Next year, it would be nice to see more of you at this event. ...**Bob Bishop** reports from Newburyport, Mass., that his oldest daughter, a graduate of UNH with a degree in nutrition, has been teaching skiing in Breckenridge, Colo., but is now looking for a permanent position in the Denver/Boulder area in her field of expertise. Bob also has a son nearing graduation from Fitchburg State College. His wife, Carol, is personnel manager for Harbor Schools, Inc., a school for emotionally disturbed children in Newbury, Mass. Bob is still in the real estate business and, like many of us, is looking for business to improve within the next year or two.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. Robert C. Kelly, 7 Governors Lane, Shelburne, VT 05482.*

The annual Gordie Perine '49 Middlebury Alumni Golf Tournament saw another good turnout of '53ers. Some sort of prize was won by **Irv** and Ellie Hight '51 **Morris** and **Norm** and Joan Allen '51 **Armour**. **Don Beers** was there playing with **Chuck Jennings**. **Sue Valentine Jennings** and **Pat Hamilton Todd** didn't play golf, but joined in the evening festivities. Mary and **Gale Shaw** both participated. The weather on Friday started out bad and got worse, so many did not complete their first day's rounds. Saturday turned out to be a perfect day (which unfortunately didn't help my putting). I was playing with three members of the class of '52—Dick Eddy, Towar Wade and Al Mutti. Neither **Verne Goodwin** nor **Dick Ireland** showed up to defend whatever titles they won last year. ...Lillian and **Bob Westcott** preferred to play their golf abroad, as they spent time in Scotland and France. Bob started semi-retirement in July and plans full retirement in January '91. ...Congratulations to Don '51 and **Elizabeth (Biffy) Darling Sherburne**, who celebrated their 35th anniversary in late July. They have returned to Vanderbilt (Nashville, Tenn.) where Don resumes his chairmanship of the philosophy department after spending spring semester at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and the summer on Lake Dunmore. ...**Laura Chapman Rico** still teaches math and coordinates tutoring at the community college in Los Banos, Calif. Daughter May is in her second year at Stanislaus State. Husband Raul is undergoing radiation therapy of the vocal chords. I'm sure I speak for the class in wishing him a speedy recovery. ...**Alice Bennett Petrie** lives in and loves Eugene, Oregon. She often skis with **Ceddie Sherrer** and Joe and Anne Jones. Next time you see Cedric, tell him to write. We're all wondering what has happened to him. ...Brenda and **Pete Statler** moved to Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii last November. Pete says they plan to work and enjoy the sun. ...**Bob Anhalt** reports from Brightwaters, N.Y., that he has retired from an importing firm on Long Island. He wants to know if anyone has heard from **Greg Bean**? ...**Linc Furber** is still happy teaching journalism at the American University in Washington. His spare time is spent working with inner-city junior high school kids, as well as running (3-6 miles some days), bird watching and biking. He also spends time at the opera, often with friend Pat Tice. Daughter Edith '85 is in her second year at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate Business School after a summer of research for Polaroid in Taiwan. Daughter Sarah '89 is a market researcher at A.J. Nielsen in New York. ...**Bart Farnsworth** sold his business four years ago and is now living on his yacht in Florida and Boston. He charters his boat and serves as captain, in case anyone is interested. (For reservations try 7930 East Drive, North Bay Village, FL 33141). ...**Betsey Cushman Gumbart** co-chaired a fashion show/brunch in June which netted the Literacy Volunteers more than $5,000. Literacy Volunteers continues to be her major activity. Betsey has sons in Colorado and Florida (good reason for traveling). ...**Dave** and **Carol Jennings Clemens** report that he is retiring from Rohm and Haas at the end of the year, after 33 years with the company. Carol is planning ski trips, trips to Texas to see the grandchildren and a woodworking course. ...**Bob Arel** is writing training materials for U.S. Navy Reservists. Other activities include a choral group, church activities and being an announcer for Daytona Beach high school football games. ...Judy and **Bob Prosser** sold their house in Englewood, N.J., and bought one in Vero Beach, Fla. They plan to spend the winters in Florida and the other seasons in Weekapaug, R.I. ...**Ann Tilton Wadsworth** is director of volunteer services at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y. She is the proud grandmother of three boys and a girl. ...**Charlie Mraz** is still traveling out of Singapore for McDonnell Douglas. He probably doesn't even know that the action is in the Middle East these days. Charlie visits Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Manila and Bander Seri Bogawa—and he bets that even the geography majors don't know where that is! ...**Janet Nutt Lembke**'s new book, *Looking for Eagles*, was scheduled for publication in fall '90. ...**Charlotte Mangelsdorf Holmes** sent a two-page report from Hawaii, reporting that she and John Holmes were married on April 8 in Hilo, with all eight of their children present. They are both very active in their church work and report a full and happy life together and wish the same for all of us. It was discovered that John's daughter, Anne, had bone cancer. She has just finished the blood self-transplant procedure featured in the June issue of *Readers' Digest* called, "Going for the Cure." They would appreciate the prayers of all for Anne's recovery. Son Dan is stationed in Fairbanks with the Salvation Army; son Steve is running for the city council of Honolulu. Retirement plans for Charlotte and John include a bed and breakfast facility. They hope to see us all at our 40th. ...**Chuck Darling**, who has been a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians since 1973, was recently elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Chuck has had several articles published this year and is now writing on battlefield tactics and weapons of British Cavalry during the 17th and 18th centuries. ...**Pat Pattyson Eckley** has a new grandchild, Brian Matthew Haag, and a new summer home in Lake Ariel, Pa. She had a great visit with **Anne Coleman Zehner** and **Jean Overhysser Arneberg**. ...The Rev. **Rachel Henry Kurt** is pastoring an active congregation in the Toledo suburb of Genoa, Ohio. She preaches, teaches and counsels. She and Jim plan to retire next year and spend their winters on St. John's, U.S. Virgin Islands, and summers on Harbor Island, Penobscot Bay, Maine. ...**Peggy Davidson Zone** admits that the responses reported in this column inspired her to write for the first time. She and husband Robert have lived in 20 different places in 35 years. Since 1987 they have lived at 188 Moultrie Park, Nashville, TN 37205. They have a married daughter and two sons. They see the **Sherburnes** frequently and also keep up with Don and **Elizabeth E.G. Cox Estey**. ...**John W.M. Clark** came home from his Appalachian Trail trip in time for daughter Sarah's wedding. ...**Ralph Gundersen** is still working for the Trane Co. and playing lots of golf. He and Janice manage a month of golf at Bay Hill in Orlando. They live in Barrington, R.I. ...**Martha Ladd Allee** is a reading specialist and diagnostician at a middle school in Ithaca, N.Y.; husband David teaches at Cornell. Summers and holidays are spent visiting their three daughters and two granddaughters. They spent a three-week vacation last summer in the Vancouver-Seattle area, including a six-day sailing trip around the San Juan Islands. They were looking forward to the annual family ski get-together in Colorado. ...**Barbara Whitehouse Jones** sent a super letter from Kailua, Hawaii. A highlight of her report is her visit with **Sue Taylor** who stopped to see her. Barbara is a scientific editor at the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics at the Univ. of Hawaii. Husband Rollin is a researcher in minerology and a professor (also at U. of H.). Daughter Kimberly graduated in June with her second A.S. degree, this one in animal health technology. A former zookeeper for Hugh Hefner, Kimberly now works at Pet City, an animal supermarket. ...After 10 years with Houghton Mifflin Publishing Co. in Palo Alto, **Louise Limbach Spangler** bought a yarn and knitting shop, Uncommon Threads, in Los Altos and loves being an entrepreneur. ...Timmy **Kohlberg**, writing for **Tommy**, says that they have moved their business offices to Rye, N.Y., and are only 10 minutes from home. After four daughters, they now have six grandsons and only three granddaughters. ...According to the Danbury, Conn., newspaper, **Bill Hare** is running for the congressional seat given up by Republican John Rowland. Bill had formed the Liberty Party and was its only candidate. Please bring us up to date on yourself and your campaign. ...**Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer** says she is in her last year as a teacher. She is getting involved in art exhibits, a pursuit she has long been interested in. ...**John Vogel** indicated that he was taking some courses at the Midd German Language School last summer. ...**Buzz Tilton** has not yet joined the ranks of the retired, but now that he has no more tuitions to pay he and Carol hope to travel a lot more. In June they did some white-water rafting with their oldest son, who is a river guide. The Tiltons invite friends passing through to stop for a visit at their place in the Concord, N.H., area. ...**Pat Cava-**

naugh Boss spends most of the school year presenting seminars, workshops and conferences for staff and students on student council and leadership activities. She travels quite a lot in Michigan and around the country on behalf of her company, BOSS (the Business of Organizing School Services). Her first manual, *Leadership: Learning by Doing*, was distributed nationally through Herff-Jones Corp. this year and she has just completed her second manual. All five children are out of college and working. ...**Henrik Thommessen** sold his oil-waste collection company in 1984 and started studying history at Oslo University. This year he received his master's degree. His wife, Toril, is a gynecologist with an office in their home. Henrik jogs several times a week with Biorn Stokke '51 and enters cross-country ski competitions in the winter. He also sees cousin Robert Kloster '55 regularly. Henrik says that life is good to him as he looks forward to a promising future behind him. ...**Lyman Allen** of East Thetford, Vt., has been participating as the murderer in live-in plays at the Lake Morey Inn. He says it's a good way to work off frustrations. ...A phone call to **George Peck IV** revealed nothing much except that he is still working in and out of New York City, while living in New York, Manchester Center and Chittenden, Vt. He promises to ski with me at Mad River this winter (but I've been hearing that for 37 years). ...It was with dismay that I learned that **Bill Marseilles** passed away on September 8, 1990. I'm offering condolences on behalf of the class. Bill's friends can contact wife Lynn at Village Green Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 (919-295-5105). ...**Robert Kelly**'s son, Andrew, has entered Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. (eight years after son #2 left for college). Son Scott is a high school senior playing both offensive and defensive end on the football team (two-time defending Div. II state champions). Diana and I are busy trying to make a success of Bridge Building Images. One of our newest icons, Mary Magdalene, was recently used in a dedication ceremony at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Hundreds of copies of our icon of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador were paraded around the White House in celebration of the 10th anniversary of his death. We're optimistic for the future of the company, though the profits are not burning a hole in our pockets yet. And the Yankee Doodle Motel is having its first down year since we bought it in 1981. Hopefully this little recession will have run its course by the time this column goes to press. Keep writing. We love to hear from you and so does the rest of the class.

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Anne Davis Carnahan is head of children's services at the Darien Library. With no college tuitions this year, the Carnahans are doing some long-deferred upkeep on their 1732 home and are looking forward to traveling to Europe. ...The days of envying those with Vermont addresses are over for the **Nick Millers**. They have bought a home at #10 Stonybrook in Stowe and it may be rented. ...**Joan Sleppin Freeman** has always been grateful for the wonderful training she received in French at Middlebury. She teaches French and E.S.L. in Princeton, N.J., where she now lives. The Freemans have three children and two grandchildren. ...Jane and **Alfred (Fritz) Norton** still reside in Nashua, N.H., at the same address, but now minus dogs, cats and kids. They recently bought a majority interest in Data-Mate, Inc., a computer furniture manufacturer. ...**Cynthia Feindel Ploski** remarried in 1982 and has settled in New Mexico after having lived all over the U.S. She is a professional artist and writer. **Karol Baldwin Teiko** and her husband, Jesse, visited Cinny last summer. A trip to Middlebury after more than 30 years was a wonderful nostalgia safari for Cinny. ...Joe '53 and **Delinda McCormick Mix** have lived in Beaufort, S.C., for 13 years. Joe is busy renovating an old bank building downtown and still likes to fish. Lin plays tennis daily and invites all tennis-playing classmates to vacation in that area. Her number is 803-524-8505. ...**Tim Mason** reports that his inventory business has been keeping him busy and off the Missouri River boating. A grandfather five times over, Tim says that keeping busy keeps him healthy and wise. ...**Peggy Brown Campbell** won an award for photography (a second career) this year. The Campbells enjoyed a Scandinavian holiday during the summer. Peggy has one grandchild. ...**Monica Dorr Burdeshaw** keeps very busy with her art gallery and antique shows. The Burdeshaws ski in Colorado and go to England several times a year. Three weddings in three years complete the whirlwind. ..."Smoke is today one of Denmark's most used toast-masters," writes **Erik (Smoke) Ryge-Jensen** (phone 011-45-39271147). He continues, "During this year's 4th of July for 15,000 Danes and Americans in the city of Aalborg, Smoke MC'd two concerts by the band of the U.S. Air Force in Europe. Recently he arranged and MC'd Bank of America's annual dinner for Danish bankers in Copenhagen."

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There is exciting news from **Jerry** and **Gretchen Rath Doolittle** in Cornwall, Conn. Jerry's murder mystery, *Body Scissors*, the first in a series of mysteries, was published this fall by Simon and Schuster and made into a movie by NBC. This is Jerry's last year teaching English at Harvard. Gretchen started work this fall on a master's in education at Harvard, where the last of their five sons is an undergraduate. ...**Hap Clarvoe Tierney**, who has lived in Cambridge, Mass., for 27 years, works for the Mass. Office for Children, developing children's services and a parent aid program for families leaving shelters. She has two children in California. ...According to **Jamieson Kennedy**, who is a family practice doctor in Colorado Springs, he has just climbed a 14,000-foot peak, skied the Bugaboos and is "enjoying life immensely." His wife, Helen (Johnson) '56, runs a computer company from their home. Their two children live and work in Phoenix. ...**Sidney Brock Gates** advises from Denver that the ski trip to Snowmass that we talked about at reunion has fallen through due to lack of sufficient deposits. ...Hopefully everyone saw the July 16, 1990, *People* magazine article entitled, "When George Bush feels the urge to play (frequently!), he turns to a circle of first and fast pals." Included was a picture of our very own **Spike Heminway** playing golf with the President with the caption, "Heminway, 57, godfather to the President's daughter Dorothy, heads a Greenwich, Conn., thread manufactory that has been in the family five generations. He began competing with Bush 25 years ago." ...Speaking of Bush, **Sally Wirth Bush** works part time for an art association in Basking Ridge, N.J., and paints in her spare time. She and her husband, who recently retired from coaching football, have four children, one of whom is also a football coach. ...**Marnie Giesecke Boone** and her husband are avid bikers and skiers. Residents of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, they plan to ski the high country around Dillon, Colo., this year. ...**Denny** and **Kathy Stebbins Gamble** live in Rochester, Minn., where Denny is on the staff at the Mayo Clinic. The youngest of their six children had a near-fatal automobile accident two years ago and her care has consumed much of Kathy's time. Kathy looks forward to getting back to her marathon running in the near future. ...**Patsy Palmer Scheindel** and her husband own a dairy farm in Randolph, Vt., and all four children live nearby. ...In the lost and found category, **Jon Brand** has been located at 1460 E. 21st Ave., Eugene, OR 97403 and in Rockport, Maine, in the summer. He has spent nine years in Scandinavia where he was the creative director for the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency, three years in Boston, three in Philadelphia and four or five years in San Francisco. Last year he was teaching advertising at the University of Oregon in Eugene. He couldn't join us at Reunion because he still had classes in June. ...**Mel Gussow** is a drama critic for both *The New York Times* and for WQXR-FM in New York. He sees four or five plays every week. In August he was leaving for two weeks in Maine—where he planned to see *no* plays at all!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Julia A. King, RR 2, Box 99C, Peterborough, NH 03458, and Edward P. MacDowell, 29 Nimitz Place, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.*

Darlene Nelson Alonzo spent two weeks at Middlebury in '88 at a workshop on using video in the foreign language classroom. She writes that she is still happily married, still teaching French, enjoying life—and hoping someday her sons will marry and provide grandchildren. ...**Charlotte Duryea Brophy** is in her 19th year as director of volunteer services at the Westerly Hospital. She and Bill enjoyed a trip to Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and other places out West last May. ...**Marian Moran Brownlie**'s son, John, graduated from the Westminster School in Connecticut last spring and headed for Wheaton. Her daughter, Heather, is a senior at Columbia College. ...For **John Chase**, 1990 marked the weddings of two children and the christening of a new house in Napa County, Calif. He refers to himself as a full-time rancher/retiree, looking for subsidy of the small American farmer! ...**Joan Waddell Coggins** has become a frequent flyer to Michigan to visit granddaughter Natalie. She recently earned her principal's and supervisor's certification and is gaining administrative experience as secretary to a superintendent of schools. She also tutors adults learning French. ...**Minot Dole** counts Mobil, Black and Decker, and Norelco among his product design and development clients. He remarried in August 1989. Daughter Erica is at UVM; son Trux has spent a year and a half seeing the world after graduating from Duke. ...**Marilyn Fish Dunham** teaches at Lasell College while her husband, Woody, is an administrator at Newton North High School. Gardening and sailing are recreation for them. Daughter Meg was married last May; son Jon lives in Irvine, Calif. ...**Matthew "Doc" Ellis** has relocated in Vir-

ginia where he is materials manager at Radford City Hospital. His wife, Jeanne, works in the development office at Virginia Tech. Their older son, Matthew, works in cash management at the Bank of Boston; younger son Rob has transferred from Oswego to Radford University. ...Nancy and **Donald Gibb** bought and winterized the old summer cottage where they are living (with boathouse and tennis court) on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire. Don is enjoying early retirement. Nancy continues with high school counseling. ...**Carole Stevens Groselle** and a close friend have formed a business partnership which manages special projects for not-for-profit agencies. Projects have ranged from duck races and art exhibitions to performances by Mark Russell. Rusty also runs a modest bed and breakfast which was visited last May by **Mona Meyers Wheatley** and her daughter, Allison '84. ...**Ann Case Holt**'s parish in Pittstown, N.J., experienced a huge growth spurt last year. She finds keeping up with the increased activity demanding, but very exciting. Meanwhile her husband, Jack, has opened a real estate business. ...A trip to Hawaii left **John Hoops** yearning to work there. For the present he is the New Jersey sales manager for Deluxe Check Printers. ...**Julie King** has started a tutoring/workshop/consulting center called The Math Connection in Keene, N.H. She also continues to teach in the education department at Antioch New England Graduate School. Julie, husband Jack and step-son Jon visited **Penny Martin** in Brunswick, Maine, last summer and were treated to a visit to Penny's office at Bowdoin, overlooking the site of the recent Bowdoin pines massacre. ...Frederick and **Carolyn Breaks Kretzer** continue their property investments in the Phoenix area, feeling fortunate to have sold their shopping centers before the real estate market dropped. She describes their outlook as pro-capitalist, pro-technology, pro-science, pro-nuclear and pro-choice, saying she waits for Middlebury to reintroduce Western ideas and values in a core of education requirements. ...**David Kunzmann** still enjoys sailing when his job as director of materials at Shepard Niles Crane and Hoist allows. Dave now has two grandchildren. ...Going to Tokyo? **John McDermott**, who is visiting professor of law at Dokkyo University, welcomes any old Middlebury friends who are passing through during his one-year tenure there, ending August 25, 1991. ...**Bruce Peterson** is taking a year's leave of absence from Middlebury and has married Diane Minnigh. During the fall he devoted his time to writing and computer work. In January Bruce and Diane were planning to be in Australia where he will visit universities while Diane investigates recent advances in the teaching of reading. ...**Charles Robinson** has been elected president of the Rehabilitation Technology Association, a national organization concerned with technological applications to vocational rehabilitation. Charley spends his time as a consultant to agencies in several states, developing computer software to facilitate the delivery of services to handicapped people. ...In August, **Jane Hallenbeck Zecher** hosted a mini-reunion at her home on Nantucket. **Ginny Collins Emerson, Nancy Marvin Hall, Ann Case Holt, Joan MacKinnon Houghton, Joanne Benes Kieger** and **Mona Meyers Wheatley** enjoyed several days of thoughtful conversation, fond reminiscences and continuous laughter. ...**Judith Phinney Stearns** attended the 1990 reunion weekend at Middlebury to launch planning for the Class of '56 Reunion, May 31 to June 2, 1991. She and fellow reunion chairman **Ned MacDowell** welcome volunteers.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Reilly (Pam Clark), 1339 Biscayne Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24019.*

Ewart Thomas recently left the Warner-Lambert Company and joined the Presbyterian Homes of New Jersey as vice president of marketing and public relations. ...**Gretchen Heide Warner** writes that **Jane Fraser Beylouny** recently visited her in California and that they had a great time. Gretchen is still in possession of the records of the College musicals—such as *Just Around the Corner*—and we hope she will bring them to our reunion in '92. We think they should be in the College archives. ...**Peter Orvis** reports that one of his companies has been selected by Midd to provide the alarm and security systems for the College's new fine arts center. Pete notes that this will provide him with several excuses for Middlebury visits. ...**Betsy Hauck Thumann** attended the wedding of **PD Quinlan Dawson**'s son last October in Los Angeles. Betsy writes of several serendipitous connections between PD's family and her own and marvels at the small world of Middlebury. ...**Harris Poor** has returned to school in order to earn a master's degree in music. He writes that he is about half way through and that so far he has received "all A's." He's doing all this while being a member of the voice faculty at the Long Island University-C.W. Post Campus. ...**Sabra Harwood Field** also remains very active in the fine arts. We have received notice that she has completed a poster celebrating the Vermont Bicentennial. ...**Judith Holmes Van Schaick** is a member of the board of directors of the Coterie Singers in Wayne, Pa. Judith has plans to visit Britain while one of her daughters spends an academic year in England. ...**David Stivers** recently had an opportunity to visit Midd for the first time since 1957. He lives in Parsippany, N.J., and has a second book contract concerning one of the Nabisco products. ...Your secretaries report an unconfirmed rumor that **Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer** represented Midd at alumni and fund-raising functions in Ulan Bator and Tierra del Fuego. Surely the example of their dedication to Midd will encourage you to PLAN '92.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Roemmele Crowley, 24 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland, VT 05701, and Joseph E. Mohbat, 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

Remember pre-a's and "a helper true and tried as the generations glide?" A little nostalgia to start the column. And, by the way, if these notes seem to contain quite a bit about people that the Ro-Joe Show have seen or heard from, it's because we're not hearing from the rest of you. News always welcome! ...Congratulations to Mona and **Dick Johnson**, who received a third place award for exterior rehabilitation from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for their restoration of a 1784 stone farmhouse in Bridgewater, Va. To repair their home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, they chose a third-generation stonemason with an all-family crew. ...**Ginny Davis Irwin** is still busy with directing—of staged readings last summer on Nantucket (where she and MRC met in the Expresso Cafe to re-connect), of opera in Marseilles (where she will be stage director for the February 16, 1991, premiere of *Peter Grimes* by Benjamin Britten), and of *Driving Miss Daisy* (which she'll direct next June in New London, N.H.). Here is a gem from Ginny to entice you to return for Reunion '93: When we were at Old Midd, **Ann Parnie Ormsbee**'s mother went to a college reunion. She visited Middlebury shortly afterward and the Middlebury women asked her if her classmates were the same. She replied,

After 29 years, 1959 classmates Kay Balabon and Sue D. Wallace had a joyful reunion in Virginia where Kay's son, Rick, was pitching for the Seattle Mariners AA team last spring.

"Yes, but more so." To some of us, that fact is part of the joy of reunions. ...Bob '54 and **Betsy Heath Gleason, Ellie Humme**, Mona and **Dick Johnson**, Nancy and **Joe Mohbat**, and **Mary Daniels Nahley** gathered for a late summer weekend at Betsy's shore house in Ship Bottom, N.J., to open their veins and talk about you all. Betsy now plans 50th Reunions for Middlebury (no more 25th, at which she was so good) and also sells real estate for Coldwell Banker Bill Beck Real Estate. ...**Scotty Greer** writes, "My seminar company, Performance Enhancement Programs, is taking off. I offer programs on lifestyle change, peak performance and teamwork, drawing on my years of coaching experience and expertise in sport psychology. I'd love to hear from anyone whose company provides training for employees." ...**Susan Lockwood Lewis**, teacher at the Mary Hogan Elementary School in Middlebury; Gregg Humphrey '70, a former science curriculum coordinator; and Bob Prigo, Midd physics professor, wrote a grant application and received a $732,000 National Science Foundation grant to "infuse elementary school teachers with new enthusiasm to teach science." According to Gregg, "It is probably the largest grant of its kind for elementary science. Usually they fund graduate or college students." ...Peter Horkitz, son of Bob and **Linda Mayer Horkitz**, made law review at George Washington University. Linda and Bob seem to be thriving in Miami. ...Not enough space in recent notes to do justice to **Ken Milner**'s view of Middlebury. Another quote from his letter describing what he saw on the morning of his departure: "It was a stunningly bright sunny morning and the Green Mountains were crystal clear and, looking down on the town with the white Congregational Church spire proudly projecting among all the trees and house tops, I had never appreciated the beauty of Vermont as I did at that moment." ...Two tidbits from the life of **Mary Roemmele Crowley**. First, she, one of her students, and an anti-drug video for which she had received a grant were featured on a WCAX noon show, "Across the Fence," on July 4. Secondly, **Shirley Whitney Juneo** and she went to a Midd luncheon and had the pleasure of driving Mrs. Kelly back to Hadley House, where they sat on the lovely screened-in porch overlooking the College golf course and had a good old visit. Ma Kelly told of leaving Montana to go to Mt. Holyoke (where she went because her mother told her to) and being told that she could go home to visit for two week periods of time, but that was it. She was on her own. (Any of you have children still living at home?) ...**Mary Daniels Nahley** has a new address: 88 Kingswood Drive, Bethel, CT 06801. ...Funny what one discovers at alum functions. Do you know about MiddNet, a career assistance program manned by Middlebury volunteers in

various areas of the U.S.? Thinking of relocating? Want to help a graduate find employment? Write to MiddNet at the College. Speaking of graduates, anyone who knows any young people in Boston or the Boston area looking for someone to share housing expenses, let the distaff half of the R-J Show know. ...How to end? THINK '93, of course.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. William W. Locke (Noel Caseley), 1326 Stillwater Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, and Henry Pete Erbe, Jr., 12 Longview Ct., Huntington, NY 11743.*

Again, thanks to those who returned their blue news forms. And you non-returnees, don't ever think a dusty copy is too late. We're always waiting to hear from you. ...**Kay Shook Balabon**'s son, Rick, was pitching fast balls and no hitters for his Seattle Mariners AA team in Virginia last spring. The years evaporated when **Sue D. Wallace**, living in Norfolk, connected with Kay and became a loyal fan of Rick's. Their reunion, after 29 years, was a joy. ...Dr. **Ilse Benzien van der Bent**, who spent the year teaching German at the University of Cincinnati, has been awarded a grant to attend a seminar in Berlin on the East-West situation. ...**Barbara Burch Trask** recently visited her daughter, who is studying at the University of Leningrad in the Soviet Union. Her own antiques business involves extensive New England travel, doing appraisals. ...More '59 connections: Barb and **Betsy Butterfield Denison** got together in Wyoming in June. ...**Eleanor Bliss Heurtley** has returned to the strength of the hills, accepting the opportunity to be the secretary at Starr Library on the campus. In August she represented the Class of '59 at the Tri-State Alumni Club luncheon at Kirk Alumni Center. ...**Evie Hill Spalding** has a great job as assistant director of admissions and health teacher at Milton Academy in Massachusetts. A two-week study tour in Israel last June was "an awakening experience." ...Grandma **Sharon Spade William** teaches high school Spanish in Williamstown, Mass., spent the summer studying at the University of Salamanca, Spain, and is determined to get into the doctoral program at U.Mass/Amherst. Obviously no granny atrophy there. ...**Mimi Hancock Siegle** hasn't lost her artistic touch, having a "cottage craft industry" of note and card designs, plus German paper cutting, scherenschnitte. In August, Mimi, husband Jeff and two of their children (the third is a sophomore at Dartmouth) started a new life in Saratoga, Calif., after 25 years with IBM in New York. Jeff is now vice president and chief scientist of Advanced Micro Devices Corp. in Sunnyvale. ...Alumni Winter Weekend for '91 comes January 18-20. This is always an enjoyable event which more of you should attend. In 1990, as in one preceding year, our class had the Waybury Inn reserve a block of rooms. Classmates who headed north, or south, to the Waybury for a cold, clear, bright weekend of cross-country and downhill skiing included **Anne Goebel Barkman** (Westmount, Quebec), **Millicent Fairhurst, Anne Martin Hartmann** with husband George, and **Bob Luce** (Bea was ill). This group was joined for a festive Waybury dinner Saturday evening by Cassie Hartmann '91, Rob Luce '92 and **Eleanor Bliss Heurtley**, mentioned above. Also in town was classmate **Paul Wise**, along with many others who played on teams coached by Duke Nelson '32, to honor his memory in special ceremonies. Anne Hartmann and Bob Luce will co-chair this weekend again for 1991. The College will send details. Reserve at the Waybury Inn (802-388-4015). ...Dr. **Bill W. Hussey** was married in June 1990 to Dr. Anita Dick. Their address is 203 East 72nd St., #6B, New York, NY 10021. They had a lovely wedding trip to Scandinavia for a month and found it rather disconcerting to return to the U.S., realizing that we have a lower standard of living than they do. Bill is entering his 18th year at Brooklyn College. He looks forward to the graduation of his daughter, Tara Lynn Hussey '91, from Middlebury last spring. "The end of tuition will be the biggest raise I will ever get." ...**Bill Wemmerus** has taken on some exciting new activities—serving on the board of directors of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild (New York) and doing its publicity. Bill has led occasional day trips for the Sierra Club—hikes, canoeing and a bike jaunt. He's still playing recreational softball (depressing to be an old veteran in an over-45 league). Daughter Nancy graduated from Colgate in 1990; son David attends Dean Junior College; wife Sandy still teaches high school equivalency. ...Professor **Robert L. McGrath** presented a lecture, "The Art of Paul Sample," to the Southern Vermont Art Center in June. After Middlebury, Bob continued his studies at Princeton, earning M.F.A. and Ph.D. degrees, then began his teaching career in 1963 as an instructor at Dartmouth, attaining full professorship in 1976. Bob was recently the curator and essayist for *Paul Sample, Painter of the American Scene* at Dartmouth's Hood Museum. ...**Bob Jones** was recently named the "best economic prognosticator of the past year" by *Institutional Investor* magazine. Bob, founder and chairman emeritus of MMS International, was one of 50 leading economists to predict where four interest rates—90-day commercial paper, prime rate, seven-year Treasury note and 30-year Treasury bond—would land at the end of the year. His defeated competitors included the top economist from Merrill Lynch and the Boston Company.

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Class Secretaries: *Jean Seeler, Windmill Farm, 18 Upland Lane, Armonk, NY 10504, and Bernard M. Brodsky, 26 White Pine Court, East Amherst, NY 14051.*

Congratulations to **Graham Nye**, who is now superintendent of schools in Augusta, Maine. After five years of preparing six budgets, working with six different school committees and keeping track of six elementary schools in the sprawling district where he was formerly superintendent, he is pleased with this district's 3,000 students, 434 teachers and staff, and $16.2 million budget. Graham and wife Delaine, a real estate agent, continue to live in Augusta. ...**Betsy Cilley Goeke**'s life in Winchester, Mass., continues to revolve around husband Bob (whose work at MIT involves satellites), daughter Beth (a musical 8th grader who plays piano and clarinet), son Robby (a 5th grader whose main interest is karate) and her own career at the Watertown Army Material Lab (that's Watertown Arsenal, to us civilians). ...**Susan Armstrong Johnson** reports from Greenwich, Conn., that four of her five children are finally out of college. Walter (U.Conn. '83) works in wholesale clothing sales; Matthew (Duke '87) is in Wall Street; Herbert Michael, Jr. (Univ. of Ariz. '90) is spending time in Chicago, making serious noises about law school; Miranda (lucky girl with four brothers) just graduated from SMU '90; George will graduate from Colorado State in '91. Sue has been working with husband Herbert in his publishing firm. For three years they had three kids in college simultaneously! ...**John** and **Linda Fiske Coombs** enjoy living in Syracuse, N.Y. Son Richard has provided two grandchildren, John (first grade) and Lisa (4); daughter Janet works at Syracuse University and occasionally takes classes; Kathy graduated from Cornell in '86; and David will graduate early from Syracuse in December '90, having taken advanced placement courses in high school. Linda, who completed her master's in library science in '87, is a librarian with the Onondaga County Public Library System. John is with the National Volunteer Health Agency of New York, continuing a career in fund raising. Linda wonders exactly which farm Vcevy owns in Weybridge, since she lived on a number of them growing up in Middlebury. ...Pres and **Lois Boon Hill** are still in Lennox, Mass. David (Carnegie Mellon '86) is a computer engineer; Scott (Hobart '89) is supporting himself for the second year as a ski bum in Vail, Colo. Loey was at her sister's big 5-0 birthday party the weekend of our 30th Reunion, so she couldn't make it. Loey broke her ankle last Christmas and commiserates with **Susan Long Brock**'s comments in the reunion notes. She also wants to compare notes with **Polly Philbrick Ray** because Loey also works in a small independent insurance office. ...Congratulations to **George Koenig**, who is now chairman of the department of modern languages at SUNY-Oswego. He continues to teach German. Daughter Monica is Vassar '91; son Phillip, SUNY-Oswego '92. Monica, an American studies major, spent the second semester of her junior year studying Chinese in Taiwan. George's wife, Heike, joined Monica in June and the two of them traveled through China on the Trans-Mongolian Railroad and continued through the Soviet Union, ending up in Europe! ...**Jean Stratton** finds the proximity of the Jersey Shore one of the side benefits of living in Princeton, N.J., and working as a freelance writer. Jean writes a weekly column for a local paper. She also contributes to a local business magazine. Her recent travels have taken her to Massachusetts and Virginia. When at home she stays fit playing tennis and riding her bike. ...**Lynne Ewing Miller**, M.D., and **John Pindyck Miller** have deep roots in Brewster, N.Y. Lynne completed her medical studies at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and three years residency. After two years in solo private practice as an internist, her practice is becoming established and she is beginning to see the rewards of a very long investment. John continues his creative work as a sculptor and artist. Daughter Samm (American Univ. '88) is working in a bank. Daughter Inness is a senior at Syracuse. ...**Mike Emptage** sounds like a member of the Pittsburgh, Pa., Chamber of Commerce. He just loves living there and feels it's a great place for a family to live. After five years with Alcoa, he continues to enjoy work in the private sector, finding it much more practical than he could have imagined (after 25 years of college teaching), as well as both creatively and financially rewarding. He travels occasionally and/or conducts professional conferences, especially enjoying opportunities for visits to San Francisco. Wife Cathy is an accountant with a small software company. Daughter Dorothy is a sophomore at Edinboro Univ. in Pennsylvania; son Nicholas is a sophomore in high school. Mike enjoyed a short visit last summer with **Bob Millett**, who stopped by on his way home from delivering his daughter to college in Indiana. ...**Vcevy** and Janey Cram '61 **Strekalovsky**'s eldest daughter, Elisabeth '87, was married in Middlebury's Mead Chapel during Labor Day weekend. The reception was held in a big white tent on the lawn of their wonderful farm in Weybridge, overlooking Otter Creek. That's where we had our 30th Reunion dinner. Meanwhile Kate is at college at Macalaster and Anny is a sophomore in high school. ...For the first time since graduation, **Jerry Rinkus** was back on the Middlebury campus for a confer-

ence this summer. What took you so long, Jerry? Don't wait another 30 years before coming back! Jerry is professor of Russian at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. ...**Jean Seeler** finds that retirement gives her the time to indulge her passion for tennis. She spent four days at the U.S. Open in N.Y.C. and spent a week in Vienna in September just to watch the U.S.A. play Austria in the Davis Cup semi-finals, which the U.S. team won. ...Why not put Bernie or Jean on your card list this holiday season—or, even better, send us your family newsletter? Put our addresses in your book and send us a postcard when you travel. Remember, if you don't write us, we will call you!

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Jo Aagerstoun, 1716 U St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009, and William F. Wallace III, 14 Muirfield Place, New Orleans, LA 70131.*

By now you have undoubtedly received at least one issue of the reunion newsletter from reunion chairs **Brad Mintener** and **Carolyn Bennett Wood**. The big dates are Friday, May 31, through Sunday, June 2, 1991. Our reunion chairs promise all reuners will have many opportunities to "recycle" friendships, old and new. Brad and Carolyn report a terrific Alumni Leadership Conference at Midd in September, which included several '61ers (who were immediately signed up for reunion committees). Attending with Brad and Carolyn were Class Prez **Dario Quiros** and Peggy, the **Cramptons** (**Steve** will chair our gift committee), and Courtney '63 and **Carolyn Cooper Bird**. Carolyn will do the *Dimensions Plus Five* update for us, so please respond promptly to her requests for info. Remember the fun you had poring over *Dimensions* last time? Write to her at 43 Sippewissett Road, Falmouth, MA 02540, or FAX her your offering (508-548-0647). If you want to help, especially with the welcoming committee (a.k.a., the "hugging" committee), the phone committee or the Saturday activities committee, please get in touch with Brad (P.O. Box 423, Canton, NY 13617; 315-386-8621) or Carolyn (4787 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412; 512-991-3010). Events on the agenda as we went to press: a Friday evening deck party at Mr. Ups (featuring Vcevy and his guitar); hiking, biking and a canoe float down Otter Creek on Saturday for the adventurous; blanket and deck dinner/picnic at the Waybury Inn Saturday night with entertainment by Bud Leeds' jazz combo. See you there! ...**Carolyn Bennett Wood** has reserved a bunch of condos at Aspen for all "bright and shiny" Midd '61 ski enthusiasts in February. It may not be too late to get in on the fun, so call Carolyn to join that group. And yes, Lech, Austria, is still in the plan for '92. Get your reservations early! ...**Karin Kosoc** has a new address in Hawaii (565 F Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734) where she continues to be involved in educational change. She teaches emotionally handicapped and learning disabled children and says she may soon be teaching at the University of Hawaii's College of Education. ...**Val Killoch Miller** works for Digital Equipment Corp. and lives at 1772 Meadow Valley Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401. ...**Gail Montgomery** (6 Putnam Park, Greenwich, CT 06830) teaches French and coordinates staff development for the Greenwich, Conn., board of education. ...**Bob Coe** (RD 2, Box 6, Upper Black Eddie, PA 18972) is the sales training manager for Koh-I-Noor Rapidograph, Inc. ...**Ron Stubing** (4410 Bonner Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78411) is a real estate broker and investment counselor. ...More and more detailed information will be available soon from **Carolyn Cooper Bird** in the form of *Dimensions Plus Five*. Watch the mail!

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Class Secretaries: *Anne Thornton Bridges, HCR 68, Box 44, S. Woodstock Road, Woodstock, VT 05091, and John F. Sinclair, 482 Woodbury Road, Springfield, VT 05156.*

Holiday greetings to the Class of '62! May your ski slopes be white, your beaches warm, your sails full and (if none of the above) your spirits bright. ...**Lynde Sudduth Karin** is the associate director of development at St. Edward's School, Vero Beach, Fla. She's a busy person, as she also manages (with husband Mike '59) one of Florida's largest lime groves. Look for Lynde's Limes in your local grocery store. ...**Steve Green** is writing a sequel to his 1984 book, *Taking Sides: America's Secret Relations with a Militant Israel*. Steve has won a five-year court battle to gain access to government documents detailing strained relations between the U.S. and Israel. ...From northeastern Ohio comes word that **Betty Allen Hornbostel** is trying out for the LPGA as husband **John** reports that Betty occasionally plays 48 holes a day. (What do they have in Ohio—12 or 16 hole courses?) John has successfully taken his company public. He is general counsel for RMI Titanium. ...**Carrie Kittell** has joined Mater Dei College as the director of institutional advancement. Carrie had most recently worked at St. Lawrence College. Mater Dei is located in Ogdensburg, N.Y. ...**Mike Sevareid** recently joined Elizabethtown College in Missouri as an assistant professor of communications. Elizabethtown's enrollment is 1,550, of which about 115 students major in communications. Now, back to you, Walter. ...Anyone headed to Chile? **Brenda Behan** now lives in Santiago. She is a translator working for the United Nations. I (**John Sinclair**) remember taking Spanish from the good Senora Centeno and snuck through with a 60—it was a gift. Feliz Navidad!

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Class Secretaries: *Jane Bachelder Johnson, 625 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, and Robert W. Clarke, 63 Mountain Road, Hampden, MA 01036.*

Dr. **Jackson Kytle** is on the move again as he leaves his position at Antioch College to become president of Goddard College. This should prove a challenge to the incoming president as he assumes his position at a time when the alternative liberal arts college has been facing turbulent financial times. The chair of the board of trustees of Goddard College said they had selected Jackson "because his educational ideas seemed right for Goddard and he has a lot of know how and experience in the area of finance management." His salary was not announced, but we all know whatever it is—it's not enough! ...**Elizabeth (Beth) Douty Walker** has moved again. Husband Colonel John Walker will be retiring from the U.S. Army Infantry in the coming year. Beth made a point of saying that John is only retiring from the military—not retiring from work—and will be pursuing another career. (Hopefully he is aware of this.) Their new home, at 10745 Green Drive, Lorton, VA 22079, features a deck overlooking the water (a tributary of the Potomac, of which they have a view) and a hot tub (dress is restricted and call first for reservations).

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Lynch Demas, 3774 Ashford Lakes Ct., Atlanta, GA 30319, and Robert J. Baskin, 87-T Olive St., New Haven, CT 06511.*

Nancy Spanier has been selected as one of three recipients of the Colorado Council of the Arts and Humanities' Creative Fellowships in Choreography. The grant recognizes the energy, talent and commitment of individual artists through a $4,000 gift, to be used in whatever ways the artists see fit. The recipients of this award are chosen every three years by a prestigious out-of-state panel. Not resting on her laurels, Nancy is creating an original theater piece for a Danish repertory company which will ultimately be performed in Danish, though being developed in English. Nancy describes her work as tragic/comedic in nature and an example of "physical or body" theater. Nancy is also producing a BMW-sponsored tour of Germany involving a one-man theater effort entitled *Hamlet Reclassified*. ...**Patricia Lynch Demas** is relishing not having to cut grass now that she has moved out of her house and into a condo. Since daughter Kat graduated from high school and is now attending the University of Georgia, Pat notes that "downsizing feels good!" Her new address is listed at the head of this column. ...**Lee Geisen**'s family has expanded by one with her recent adoption of a baby boy named Bennet. Born January 28, 1990, Ben became a Geisen six days later in what Lee describes as an "overwhelmingly emotional" experience. As a single parent, Lee finds childrearing demanding yet she manages to fit in three days each week as a health services psychologist at a clinic and another 15 hours in private practice. In talking with Lee, the love, excitement and challenge all come through. By the way, Ben's godmother is none other than **Karen Paullin Will**.

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 1532 Westview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521, and Frederick W. Stetson, 10 W. Canal St., Winooski, VT 05404.*

Allan Bloomquist is the deputy director for the Capital Enhancement Division of the Office of Thrift Supervision in Washington, D.C. The Division was formed to help find new capital for profitable and viable thrifts that fall short of capital requirements. Al is responsible for developing nationwide marketing plans to match qualified investors with eligible thrifts. He was formerly the VP and director of marketing for Midwest Financial Group based in Peoria, Ill. ...**Bob Coutts**, who lives in Los Altos, Calif., had good reason to pause this October. Exactly a year earlier, he survived both the Quake of '89 and the devastating hurricane in Charlestown, S.C. "This is my year for witnessing natural disasters," he told us at the time. A follow-up trip to Bermuda turned out to be "an agreeable change of pace." ...**John Deppman** is among our classmates whose children are recent graduates of Midd. Daughter Ann graduated in '89 (Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude). Son Jed graduated from Amherst and son Benjy is a senior at St. Lawrence Univ. John, who is becoming quite the inveterate traveler and adventurer, recently enjoyed criss-crossing Turkey. ...**Bob Dorf** is hard at work in Edwards, Colo., selling real estate to anyone searching for fresh air, great alpine skiing, hiking and all the other possibilities afforded in a Rocky Mountain high. ...**Rick Douglas**, who lives in Charlotte, Vt., directs the state's vocational rehabilitation division. "I pilot myself around the state (and nation)," Rick says, "to convince

employers that hiring people with disabilities makes sense and that people with disabilities can live in independence and work successfully. My own experiences in dealing with MS, using a wheelchair and trying to keep my work life and personal world together, have brought me toward this mission since 1974." ...**Elizabeth Fink Farnsworth** told us at the 25th she made a successful trip to Vietnam to produce a documentary for public television. Another strong interest for Liz is Latin America. She has made several trips to Peru on writing and reporting assignments. She was recently invited to share her experiences at Middlebury College, where she discussed "Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path guerilla movement), Cocaine and the Crisis in Peru." She expressed anguish over the continuing (though sometimes forgotten) crisis in Peru. She said the situation is exacerbated by the country's indebtedness, illicit cocaine industry, and the Bush administration's "militarization" of anti-drug efforts. Among those on hand for Liz's presentation were Charlie and **Tana Sterrett Scott**, John '66 and **Pam Hayes Rhelen**, Cy and **T Tall** and **John Deppman**. ...**Nancy L. Dodge**, a resident of Stewartstown, N.H., reports: "I correspond regularly with **Lynne Robinson Lawrence** in Orange, Calif. She has her own computer business and is doing well, working hard." ...**William (Wally) Lord** says he's enjoying family life in tropical Miami, Fla., with his Cuban-born wife, Carmen, and two children, Philip (15) and Anne (11). "Fishing, tennis and music keep us busy, along with our careers—Carmen in private psychology practice and myself in an aviation parts business." ...**Dick Miller**, ever-willing to devote his time to community services, is a member of the board of trustees at the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, N.Y. He also serves on several other boards and recently became board chairman for Project Intervention. He also finds time to hold down a full-time job as VP for external affairs and senior counsel to Dennis O'Brien, president of the University of Rochester (and a former dean and faculty member at Middlebury). Dick and wife Barbie Howd have two sons, Matthew and Jason. ...Dr. **Steven Roser** was awarded the 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He was cited by the dean of that institution as a "leader in his field." Steve is the director of the division of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Columbia University's School of Oral and Dental Surgery. ...**Margot Wells Tegtmeier** spends her winter months in Pacific Grove, Calif., and her summer months in the tiny California community of Sierra City (pop. 225). Margot and husband Allen have been involved in several interesting projects, including a restaurant, a sporting goods store and a cultural center. Margot also oversees the Sierra City town library which, at last report, includes some 500 books. Her son, Payson Flattery, graduated from Colorado Univ.; daughter Nell Flattery is a senior at UC-Berkeley. Margot and husband Allen have a daughter, Jess (5-1/2). ...I was a youngster lost in books when I first encountered "The Old School Tie." I thought it was something worn around the neck by select gentlemen. Charmingly naive. Now I know it is the echo of '65 that reverberates still in the green hills of Vermont. Reach out ... join its medley with your news!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley King (Rita Crocitto), 31 Gull Point Road, Hilton Head, SC 29928.*

Tom and **Carolyn Sharp Hamilton** have returned to the U.S. after living in Asia for more than four years. Carolyn works for AT&T as a manager in human resources and labor relations. ...Last summer **Tom Bullard** taught and directed Samuel Beckett's *Krapp's Last Tape* at Lincoln Center Institute. He was preparing to make a documentary in the public schools in the fall. ...After about 15 years in Alaska, **Marilyn Keyes Barstow** has moved from Anchorage to the Washington, D.C., area (Rockville, Md.). She is enthusiastic about her work toward a master's in library science at the University of Maryland. Son Bill graduated from Midd in '88 and has been working and traveling; daughter Meghan, who spent time in Argentina after graduating from high school, is now a freshman at Middlebury; son Craig is at West Point. ...A postcard came from **Joan Lardner Paul** who was in the Charleston area on a business/pleasure trip with husband David, who is with Merrill-Lynch. Joan still works with Historic Bethlehem. She and David live in Allentown, Pa. ...We had back-to-back visits from Middlebury classmates in July and August. Rhonda and **Stan Lawrence** made an overnight stop in Hilton Head on their way home to Westport, Conn., after an informal reunion in Savannah for Stan and a group of his Episcopal High School friends. A patent attorney in NYC, Stan travels quite a bit. His younger daughter, Suzanne, is a college sophomore in Colorado; older daughter Elizabeth is a senior at Emory Univ. in Atlanta. It had been seven or eight years since we had seen Stan and he looked great. ...About a week after Stan's visit, Robyn and **Allan Johnson** and two of their three children (plus two friends) spent a week vacationing in Hilton Head. Their other child was in Europe at the time. We spent an enjoyable evening with Allan and Robyn, catching up on the last 25 years and sharing some of our parent/teenager experiences. The Johnsons live in Sewickley, Pa. Allan is a commodities trader specializing in metals. ....Marilyn, Joan, Stan and Allan all mentioned that they hope to make it to Reunion. In his post card Tom said that **Nick VanNes** is planning to attend. Tom's attendance depends on his spring work schedule. Now that Carolyn is in New Jersey, rather than Singapore, we hope that she will be able to make it, too.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. William H. Hearne (Deven Hayford), 324 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450, and Mr. Richard E. Roller, c/o Tabor Academy, Marion, MA 02738.*

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Class Secretaries: *Shari Galligan Johnson, 230 Hopkinton Road, Concord, NH 03301, and Dr. Bentley C. Gregg, 418 East St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180.*

Thank you to all who wrote with NEWS! As mentioned in a previous column, **Kveta Gora Pierre** is operating the Fimotel Hotel, a business hotel in the north Paris suburbs, with her husband. In addition, they are building a restaurant in the south Paris suburbs. She would love to have classmates contact her when in Paris. She and her husband have three daughters: Tracy (20), Christine (18) and Marie-Laure (13). ...**Al Lindsey** has returned to veterinary practice in the Middlebury area. ...**Susan Rotblat-Walker** recently graduated from Brown University with a master's in English as a second language and cross cultural studies. She continues to work as a second language education specialist with the Rhode Island Dept. of Education. ...**Steve Callahan** is a member of the resident faculty of Suffolk University Law School. He also directs the S.U. Clinica Legal, Suffolk University Law School's Spanish-speaking housing clinic, formed to provide legal representation to poor people in their primary language. ...**Louise Crowley Rovner** (5603 Le Sage Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367) is an elementary teacher in Los Angeles. ...**Rick Vomacka**, who is living and working outside Akron, Ohio, was recently promoted to #2 in a publishing company specializing in emergency medical services and prehospital care. He was both a general editor and managing editor for the second edition of a landmark trauma text for prehospital care that came out recently—"almost, literally, over my dead body!" Seems that Rick, who is still a paramedic in his spare time, was on ambulance call when he had a heart attack in mid-April. He is recovering very well and has made a few lifestyle changes as a result. ...Your secretary (**Shari**) is re-entering the teaching profession at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, N.H. Teaching U.S. history, psychology, English and humanities will make the day go by quickly, but the homework (on my part) will be a challenge! ...**Frank Wolff** joined the St. Louis law firm of Bryan, Cave, McPheeters and McRoberts as a partner in the firm's corporate and business department. ...**Julie Gratiot Peterson** wrote of her recent promotion to assistant to the editor at *Cricket Magazine*, a literary magazine for children. She has enjoyed receiving contest entries from the children of classmates, including Julie, daughter of **John** and **Mimi Seeman Morton**, and **Sharon Smith**'s daughter, Christy Huber. Julie has been collecting children's magazines from around the world and has been compiling a catalog based on questionnaires completed by the editors. A stamp collection has been an outgrowth of this project. The Peterson family continues to be musical with Julie playing the violin, husband Dave playing the tuba and son Paul playing the trombone.

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Class Secretaries: *Elinor Livingston Redmond, 1235 Sawyer Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107, and Keith J. Conners, 418 Dogwood Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801.*

Sometimes it is hard to find news of our classmates. In the fall some of us created our own news by staging a small get-together in New Hampshire. **Wendy Cole Singleton, Jackie Ogden English, Lynn Markham Beebe, Julia Lord Soule** and I (**Elinor Livingston Redmond**) spent two nights together in October at a cabin in the woods. We may not have solved all the world's problems, but we gave it a try and enjoyed some wonderful fellowship. It's always good to share experiences. Several of us have children departing for college and prep school. ...**Dick English** realized the dream of many a hunter this fall by spending a month hunting in Manitoba with his two dogs. Jackie and their two younger sons took the train across Canada to join him. This is the second year Dick has been able to spend an extended time pursuing his favorite activity. ...**Bill Morton** is now working with the Risor Corporation, the U.S. distributors for Coastal Aviation, which provides Aerospatiale General Aviation Aircraft and acts as distributors for King Marine Electronics, and Deck House. He has moved to North Manursing Island, Rye, New York 10580—and is the father of FOUR teenagers. His eldest is a freshman at Syracuse this year and two of the others are off to boarding school. ...I saw **Mary Lea Driftmier Palo** at our Northfield reunion last June. She now lives in Florida and teaches English at Gulf Coast Community College. Since her husband is in the military, she

has lived in many different parts of the U.S. ...**Bill Sessions** is the senior partner in the firm of Sessions, Keiner, Dumont and Barnes in Middlebury. He formerly worked as an attorney for the state of Vermont. ...We have address changes for **Marjorie Clagett-Perine** (P.O. Box 414, East Middlebury VT 05740), **Christy A. Hitchens** (1831 College Green, Houston, TX 77058), **Jamie Johnson** (21 Towne House Road, Hamden, CT 06514) and **Robert L. Schuerhoff** (2560 W. Bijou, #B, Colorado Springs, CO 80904).

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Class Secretaries: *Sue Thompson, P.O. Box 326, Mystic, CT 06355, and Andy Wentink, P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

The last thought Sue and I had in our minds when we spoke shortly before heading for Reunion '90 was that we would return home as the new class secretaries. But now that we have had the greatness thrust upon us—and contemplating the awesome responsibility of overseeing our 25th Reunion, now just 4-1/2 *short* years away—we intend to do our best to stimulate, encourage, goad, perhaps even implore the Class of '70 not only to continue but to escalate communication with each other to an unprecedented degree. It was apparent that the majority of classmates who gathered at the 20th last summer discovered shared views and a mutual appreciation that went largely unnoticed during those four extraordinary years together. As divergent as our personal and professional lives are today, we were at Midd during an exciting but volatile and divisive period in history—and from observing other reunion classes, clearly unlike the experiences of any class before or since—and survived to tell about it. We would like to bring together your thoughts about those years and subsequent survival tactics in these notes. A commonly discussed topic at the 20th was the widespread disappointment with our "yearbook"—clearly a dark vision of those last turbulent and bewildering days at Midd. An idea that developed from those discussions was to open a call to every member of the class for personal snapshots, slides and photos to be assembled and taped for a video "yearbook" that would present a more widely representative picture of Middlebury, 1966-70—one in which each of us could find something of ourselves. The goal is to have the final videotape available for the 25th Reunion. A random sampling of classmates showed great enthusiasm for the idea and we're eager to hear what you think. Let us know and/or start sending pictures right away (to Andy's address). Now for news! ...**Bird Beck Stasz** completed her Ph.D. in adult education at Syracuse University in May 1989. She and her husband have finished designing and building a house overlooking Seneca Lake in Geneva, N.Y. (420 Billsboro Road, Geneva, NY 14456). Bird would love to hear from **May Coors** ("May, please write to me!"). ...**Gregg Humphrey**, Midd physics professor Bob Prigo and Susan Lockwood Lewis '58 (a teacher at the Mary Hogan Elementary School in Middlebury) were recently awarded a $732,000 National Science Foundation grant to set up workshops designed to instill new enthusiasm in elementary school teachers to teach science. The purpose of the Vermont Elementary Science Project is to debunk the media image of science as "nerdy and egg-headish." Gregg asserts that, in view of the fact that "all issues of today are science-based, such as global warming, pollution and the greenhouse effect," there is an urgent need to put science on the same basic educational level as the three R's. ...Last June Dr. **Reed Coughlan**, associate professor at the Utica Unit of SUNY Empire State College, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Reed was cited as a "dedicated faculty member who is readily accessible to his students and has an outstanding ability to integrate his scholarship and his teaching in creative and engaging ways" and as an exceptionally effective mentor who has been "student-centered, deeply committed to the College mission of individualized independent study and concerned with and adept at supporting each stage of a student's progress toward graduation." ...**Margaret Lassiter** is vice president of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce. ...Our esteemed predecessor as co-class secretary and new father **Tom DeRogatis** was named president and CEO of Bonwit Teller (NYC) in May. Cited by Bonwit Teller as "a leader in the banking and financial industry" with a "unique entrepreneurial spirit," DeRo saw the appointment as "an opportunity I couldn't refuse. Bonwit Teller is a classic American retailer with outstanding prospects for future growth and success, and I look forward with great enthusiasm to being part of the store's executive team." ...Among those who traveled abroad after attending the 20th last summer, **Nancy Crawford Sutcliffe** and her husband spent three weeks in England in June and July. ...After a short visit with his family in New Jersey, **Tom Pierson** traveled to Perugia, Italy, to participate in a university geology program co-sponsored by the Italian National Research Council and the U.S. Geological Survey. He was one of five instructors leading 40 students from Italy, Japan, Turkey and the U.S.A. in an intensive course of lectures, labs and field trips to geological sites in the surrounding Umbrian hills. Following this teaching stint, his first in 13 years, Tom traveled south with 14 students for a number of field trips around Mt. Vesuvius and geological sites, quarries and ruins, in nearby Pompeii and Herculaneum. He also found time for a trip to Ischia, hiking from the island's highest point to the Bay of Naples. After five trips to Europe, this was Tom's first to the Mediterranean region. He returned to Vancouver, Wash., at the end of July to prepare for a new long-term project involving the mapping and assessment of geologically unstable sites on Mt. Hood in Oregon. ...After her annual pilgrimage to the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, **Sue Thompson** and husband **Stuart Parnes** attended the International Congress of Maritime Museums, a Baltic cruise to Stockholm, Helsinki, Leningrad and Tallinn, Estonia, from August 27 to September 4. Stuart was appointed curator of exhibitions at the Mystic (Conn.) Seaport Museum last spring. ...I (Andy) didn't go abroad this summer, but I did write local publicity for the New York International Ballet Competition (NYC), June 19-25, working with artists from Argentina, Bulgaria, Poland, Spain, Great Britain, Taiwan, Venezuela and the Soviet Union (the dancers I publicized from the U.S.A. and Poland were medalists). I ended my summer at a barbecue and bonfire on the beach at Southampton, Long Island, hosted by **Peter Kelly** and wife Roxanne, an exceptional artist and gourmet cook. Peter is executive VP of Maruko New York, Inc., NYC. (We want to hear from **Bill Brunger**!) ...We're sure all our classmates want to hear news of friends. Who do *you* want to hear from? Let us know! ...We have address updates for **Gloria Miglietta Ambler** (7607 Marian Court, Falls Church, VA 22042), **Rebecca Silliman Boardman** (R.R. 2, Box 550, Woodstock, VT 05091), Lt. Col. **Darryl** and **Kerri Gray Johnson** (7030 Gulf Shore Drive, San Antonio, TX 78244), **Jeff Taylor** (RFD 4, Box 348, Hopkinton Road, Hopkinton, NH 03229) and **Joyce Snyder Rappaport** (R.R. 2, Box 133A, Brattleboro, VT 05301).

Sally Colwell '72 was married on September 9, 1989, to Jeff Janacek. With her for the occasion was Ann Marvin '72 (Sally's freshman and senior roommate), left, and Anne Cowie Wilson '72, right. The wedding was held at the home of Anne Wilson's mother in North Oaks, Minn, which was "home" to Sally during her years of training in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. Sally is pediatrician to Anne Wilson's three children, Molly, Betsy and Peter. Sally and Jeff left for a canoeing honeymoon under an arch of canoe paddles, ski poles and bicycle pumps.

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Class Secretaries: *Paula Morgan Wyman, RD 1, Box 1395, Arlington, VT 05250, and Gay Mann Folland, RFD 1, Box 180-2A1 Tasker Hill Road, Conway, NH 03818.*

Plans are being made for our 20th Reunion in 1991! A group of us got the ball rolling at Bread Loaf in September when we met for Alumni Leadership Weekend. It was a great opportunity to do some catching up with classmates—and also to meet Dr. Timothy Light, the new College president. He is a dynamic gentleman with a great sense of humor and I urge you to hear him speak if you have the chance. He will be appearing at receptions throughout the country over the next year. I'm sure you'll be getting a calendar with details from the Alumni Office. These receptions are a great opportunity to get together for "mini-reunions," so call your friends and do some planning. Among those present for the weekend were Reunion Chairs **Howie Verman** and **Leslie Boyle Shipps** (with husband Larry '70 and their three girls). Howie, who lives in Charlotte, Vt., with his wife and children, works for Trinity College as an educational consultant. Leslie and Larry are in Cazenovia, N.Y., where Leslie is an aerobics program director for a fitness center. ...**Judy Irving Hastings** has a new position as manager of Vermont Interactive Television, a videoconferencing system for the state of Vermont. Judy says she is "maintaining an old farmhouse and two daughters" and is "running into more and more Midd alums all over the state." ...**Steve Bachelder** has been living in Yarmouth, Maine, for the last three years, practicing law in Portland. Commenting on leaving New York after 12 years, Steve says "I feel 'born again.' We've taken up sailing, and I've entered a few bike races. My wife, Debbie Stracher, and I have two daughters, Elizabeth (7) and Julia (4). Parenting is exhausting and marvelous!" ...**Steve** and Laura Fuller '73 **Peach** are building a house in New Boston, N.H., in their "spare time." Wonder how Laura has any spare time while caring for their three children—Ian (6), Morgan (4) and Molly (20 months)! Steve is "enjoying long hours, low pay, but a satisfying environment" at Dennis B. Mires, The Architect, a small architectural firm where Steve is one of three registered architects. Steve says the children are "all-encompassing and demanding, but we love it. Living in rural New Hampshire setting and love it, but no time yet to really experience

it." ...**Joan Kerrigan** and husband Robb Smith and their kids, Evan (8) and Brooke (5), moved in August 1989 to 11800 Farmland Drive, Rockville, MD 20852. Now with the World Bank, Robb is still traveling frequently to Africa. Joan is still "slogging through" her law degree and hopes by Reunion to have a J.D. She's now a "visiting" student at American University, but the degree will be from UConn. Now that they are reasonably settled, she is "hoping to find some Midd types in D.C." Joan has been in contact with Drs. **Martha McCravey** and **Alan Wood**, who plan to fly in from Tacoma for Reunion. Unless we can convince some of you Hawaiians to make it back, the good doctors may get the long-distance award. ...**Hector Griswold** says he's an "entrepreneur seeking new opportunity." He's living in Hopewell, N.J., with wife Barbara (a "semi-practicing attorney") and their two kids. They've done quite a bit of traveling, including camping in Alaska, a trip down the Colorado River, and a trip to the fjords of New Zealand! ...**Sandy** and Deborah Francisco '75 **McDowell** moved back to Vermont (RR 1, Box 1240, Shelburne, VT 05482) when she was transferred by IBM. Sandy took the winter of '89-'90 off to ski bum (oops! I meant Ski *Host*) at Bolton Valley. Sandy keeps in shape, and has competed in three triathlons in Vermont. ...**Churchill** and Janet Halstead '72 **Franklin** vacationed at a dude ranch last summer with their three kids: Chip (10), Katie (8) and Lindsey (5). Churchill, senior VP of Acadian Asset Management, Inc., has raised $1.5 *billion* in assets over the last three years from large institutional investors to invest in international stocks. (No wonder he's on our fund raising committee for Reunion!) He has done a bit of traveling on business (Juneau, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore), while Jan has just finished acting as general contractor for an addition on their house in Reading, Mass. They rent a house in Ripton and spend every winter weekend at the Snow Bowl. Churchill reports having spoken with Dr. **Glenn Krug**, who is in private practice in Iowa. **Jinx (Finn)** and Glenn have three children, ages 11, 8 and 6. ...We are sad to report that **Mary-Jean Mitchell Green** died in May 1990, after a long struggle with cancer. Our condolences go out to her husband, Peter, and their two sons, Alexander and Andrew. Her memorial appeared in the last issue of this magazine. ...**Bruce Foust** and Steve Lundy '72 played in the Gordie Perine '49 Alumni Golf Tournament in September. Bruce and wife Pam recently had a short (one mile) move within Richmond, Vt. Daughter Alison (3-1/2) is starting pre-school while her brother, Benjamin (18 months), is starting a "continuous jogging program," which keeps them busy. ...**Dave Fox** and wife Pat Tjaden have a new daughter, Erica, born July 12, 1990. Dave is back rehabbing houses in Denver. He managed to get in a ski trip to Utah in spring '90 with assorted Middlebury friends, including **Sandy Farrier**, who came from Seattle, and Dave Minot '74 and Chris Davis '72, who traveled from the East. ...An early mini-reunion was held last summer at Squam Lake, N.H., with **Mike Kintner, Drew Knowland** and Marijane Tuohy '77, **Brinck Lowery, Peter Wood, Gay Mann Folland, Sam Howe** and assorted family and friends in attendance. Oh, the stories that were told! ...**Ann Einsiedler Crumb**, our new in-house spy at the alumni office, reports that "On September 4, Middlebury freshmen arrived. Among them was Ian Hall-Beyer, son of **Bart** and **Mryka Hall-Beyer**. That same day the alumni office received word of the birth of Claire Anne Webel Bovit, daughter of **Suzanne Webel** and her husband, Ray Bovit. There never was much pattern to our class." ...On that note, I'll wrap this column up. Mark your calendars for Reunion '91—May 31 to June 2—and start calling your group of friends. It's the best way to ensure that we have a tremendous turnout and A GREAT TIME!

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Class Secretaries: *Judy McCormack Culhane, P.O. Box 25864, Honolulu, HI 96825, and William E. Carlough, 54 Pleasant Ave., Pleasantville, NY 10570.*

Jeff Lott has been appointed managing editor of the Swarthmore College alumni magazine. He is also serving as associate director of publications for the college. He and **Wendy (Coe)** and their two sons, Joseph (9) and Michael (5), will continue to live in Yorklyn, Delaware. ...**Gavin Cullen** (609 Sweet Gum Drive, Euless, TX 76039; 817-685-8257) and wife Kate left Sioux City in January '87 and moved to Euless (between Dallas and Fort Worth). Their first child, Emily Patrice, was born on February 15, 1990. Gavin claims "she's the prettiest little girl in North Texas and a future Dallas Cowboys cheerleader." After 10 years with Container Corp. of America, Gavin is now the sales manager at Lane Container Co., a regional packaging company based in Dallas. "It's more fun, better potential, and leaves more time for the family. Kate, who is working at Link Training Services in Las Colinas as a senior staff accountant, hopes to be able to stay home in a year or two." In June the Cullens took Emily to Maryland to visit family and take four-generation pictures. They also visited with Daria Stec '74, Nancy Kolligian '74 and **Charlene Fulton**. In Texas they regularly visit with Kathryn and **Ken Pabst** and their two sons, Douglas and Carl. Also at Ken's house, they saw **Steve Dinapoli** and Dave Nelson '69. Gavin says he is "still running and racing on a regular basis and hope to have a new musical act this fall. Life is good!" He invites visitors to "Come on down!" ...**Anj Petto** (1002 Washington St., Holliston, MA 01746) is in his fourth year at the New England Regional Primate Research Center where he was appointed chair of the primatology program in 1987. He was also recently promoted to research associate in the department of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. His non-administrative work centers around research into the behavior, physiology, and infant development of non-human primates. He reports that a Midd student came down to do a senior thesis project there recently. Anj and wife Sarah now have three children—Chris (19), Sarah Anna (13) and Andrew Joseph-John, born January 21, 1988. ...Diane and **Chris Gent** welcomed their second child, daughter Katherine Cotter, on May 10, 1990. Chris reports that Christopher, Jr. (5) is "truly enjoying his role as big brother." ...**Brad Gordon** was feature din an article in the May 1990 issue of *HG Magazine*, profiling his needlepoint designs. Ten years ago needlepoint was just a passionate hobby for Brad. As designers discovered his pieces—small rugs, chair upholstery, pillows—Brad accepted more commissions and he now works on projects from designers and private clients. A recent series consisted of needlepoint canvases made to look like animal skins. Brad designed an octagonal rug in a melange of tiger, zebra, leopard, cheetah and giraffe. "I like to work with colors and shapes, making each tiger distinct—some are brown and some are orange. But at the same time, I want a rug that stays on the floor," he explains. His most recent project was a set of 10 chairs upholstered in leopard skin. "Each chair was different—you have much more freedom with needlepoint than with one chosen fabric." Brad is located at Brad Gordon Design, 32 Union Square East, Room 808, New York, NY 10003. ...**Chris Watson Armstrong** was appointed manager of business development at the Gates Corporation. Chris continues to live in Denver, but is known to visit the East.

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Class Secretaries: *Kathryn Winsberg, 2950 Van Ness St., N.W., #911, Washington, DC 20008, and Dean Nikitas, 7 Second St., #19, Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413-445-5082; office, 684-0925.*

Best wishes to **Nancy Storer Lambrechts**, who was married on July 30, 1990, to Stefaan Lambrechts of Belgium. Their address is 8 Vine St., Beverly Farms, MA 01915. Stefaan works for GTE Sylvania; Nancy is in her 17th year at Crimson Travel. ...**Guy Kettelhack** (Box 124, 151 First Ave., New York, NY 10003) had been a literary agent in New York City for six years when, in 1988, he decided to do some writing of his own. In the last two years he has co-authored four books and written a fifth book under a pseudonym. These range from psych self-help (co-authored Dr. Kuriansky's *How to Love a Nice Guy*) to health and diet (co-authored *The New Pritikin Program*) to compulsive behavior (a book called *Easing the Ache*). He is working on a novel and attended the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference at the end of August in furtherance of that effort. He is still playing the violin and freelancing in New York on a fairly frequent basis. ...**Gail Littlefield Doeberl** has been promoted to foreign language department chair at Norwalk, Conn., High School. She has taught French, Spanish and Latin for 12 years. She also chaperones the school's annual trip to France, teaches the French Achievement SAT course and advises the Asian Club in her "spare" time. Husband Terry Doeberl designs new products for Pitney Bowes; daughter Kristin (7) is equally busy with piano, ballet, horseback riding and tennis lessons. ...**Terry Sweeney** has had continued success with his Nancy Reagan impersonation. He has published a slim volume of satirical "Nancy Reaganesque poetry"—*It's Still My Turn*—and has taken his one-person show of the same name for an engagement at the Actor's Playhouse in New York, where he intersperses readings from the book with catty anecdotes which are considerably more biting than his *Saturday Night Live* rendition. ...**Nancy Howe Russell**'s complicated life as a sheep farmer, accomplished wildlife artist, mother, gardener and part-time "real life" model was described in an article in the Orvis News. She has been raising sheep for 15 years and maintains a permanent flock of 30-50 ewes at her Triple Jump Sheep Farm near the village of East Dorset, Vt., where she lives with husband Jim and sons Tyler (6) and Ryan (7). Nancy has also pursued her self-taught interest in wildlife art to the point where she has received quite a few prestigious awards and honors, including being selected as a finalist for several years in the Federal Duck Stamp Contest. ...**Bill Burke** has been appointed the first lay headmaster in the nearly 50-year history of St. Sebastian's Country Day School in Needham, Mass. Profiled in the *Boston Globe*, Bill still summons his experience as a hockey goalie at Middlebury, watching the action on the ice, to describe his broad field of vision for excellence in academics and athletics. ...Congratulations to **Lesley Cadman**, husband Jim Catalano, and big brother Jesse on the arrival of baby brother Sam Cadman Catalano on July 19, 1990. ...**Peter Goodwin** has been appointed chairman of the science department at Kent (Conn.) School. He has taught physics, astronomy, matter and energy, and geology there since 1973. He has also authored four books related to

physics. Peter is also chairman of the Town of Kent Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Class Secretaries: *Barbara Schultz King, P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766, and Jim Ware, 90 East Bare Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451.*

Anne Duvivier Green writes from somewhere in Europe that she and husband Bo "are taking a year of our lives to travel around the world. We spent six months in the Far East and are now in Europe. Bo is an architect so we are visiting all the glorious buildings of the world." ...If Anne had been in London in June she could have gone to the alumni reception where she would have seen **Suzy Danco Doggett**. Suzy and husband Bill '72 live in London. ...**Lana Shea** (formerly Linda Shea) lives on an island in Alaska (P.O. Box 704, Douglas, AK 99824) where she works for the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game as the S.E. Regional Habitat Biologist concentrating on forestry, mariculture and tourism development. Lana's husband, Paul Grant, is a lawyer. ...Another Alaska resident, **John Estle**, appeared in this column last issue because he was appointed head coach of the U.S. Ski Team's cross-country program. If you also read the High Notes column you discovered that the person who appointed him to such a lofty position was John Bower '63, his former Middlebury coach and now head of the U.S. Team's ski jumping/nordic combined program. (I wonder if John Bower's wife, Bonnie, is still selling Tiger running shoes—the pair she sold me in '72 is ready for retirement.) John also named Alan Ashley the first-ever director of the U.S. Ski Team's cross-country program. Alan is the younger brother of **Steve Ashley** whose reputation may not be as widespread, but his following is more loyal. Steve lives in Wilson, Wyo., with wife Edie (Bennett) '82 and children Owen (4) and Madeline (2). Steve bought the Valley Bookstore in Jackson Hole in 1977 and has turned it into an excellent bookstore and a thriving business. ...**Jennie Buchanan Paretti** received her master's degree in education from the University of Lowell last June. ...Six years ago, **Nat Forbes** started the Speed S Corporation in Minneapolis. Speed S is a computerized data filing service whose Speed Filing electronic tax service had 2,000 tax service clients last year. Nat hopes to have 5,000 clients when it comes time to work with the '90 returns, and more in each succeeding year. Speed Filing acts as an intermediary between tax preparers using personal computers to process returns and the IRS computer system. Nat and wife Carolyn live in Minneapolis with children Ashton (7) and Thomas (4). Although he keeps his office informal (Nat still hates to wear socks!), the business is serious and turned a profit after five years. Congrats, Nat—and many happy returns! ...**Bill Landry** is the only person I know who has to include four languages on a change of address notice: English, French, Japanese and one whose characters I can't identify. This time he has changed areas of Montreal: 5371 Hutchison, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2V 4B4. ...**Ross Voorhees** has lived in Denver, Colo., for most of the time since graduation. Like many of us, he wonders, "What happened to those 16 years?" He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for a few years and then joined a private firm in Denver. A computer systems administrator for a company that processes geologic data, Ross' work is closely tied to the domestic oil market. He must feel he has been on a roller coaster for much of the time. Ross enjoys Denver but would rather be living in a setting where "property is measured in acres rather than feet." ...**Jane McGill Cooke** isn't sure about being on the wrong side of the Connecticut River. Having grown up in Burlington, Vt., she is trying to come to grips with living in New Hampshire (Manchester) and mentions one advantage: When you are driving at night, "the billboards keep you awake!" Jane is a reading specialist with a vocationally-oriented two-year college, New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, N.H. Jane works in a program for students, many of whom are adults with jobs and families, who need to augment their basic skills before they can do college level work. She is enjoying the challenge and the teaching environment, and is thrilled to be part of a school which values family. Jane's family consists of husband Peter and sons Kyle (8), who is "heavy into Legos," and Corey (5), who is captivated by Ninja Turtles. ...**Michael Williams** has gone beyond Ninja Turtles and is involved with dragons. Michael writes fantasy novels for TSR, creators of the Dungeons and Dragons games. *Weasel's Luck* was published in 1988 and was nominated for a World Fantasy Award. It has been translated into Spanish and Japanese and inspired a master's thesis comparing it to Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*. A sequel, *Galen Beknighted*, is due out at the end of the year along with *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, the first of a trilogy called *From Thief to King* which Warner Books will publish. Michael likes fantasy as a way to contact young people and also because the "good and evil are fairly recognizable. That's not saying the characters have to be two-dimensional, but at least people take sides." Michael and wife Teri both teach English at the University of Louisville.

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Class Secretaries: *Tim and Carol Blakely Counihan, 27 Percy Road, Lexington, MA 02173.*

Bruce Moseley is the registrar at Historic Deerfield, Inc., a museum of New England history and art in Deerfield, Mass. Bruce and wife Leigh Yardley spent three weeks in Colombia last year under the auspices of the Partners of the Americas Program, a program to promote cultural exchanges between Latin and North America. Bruce presented a week-long seminar on museum collections management in Medellin, then took his show on the road, visiting local museums around the countryside. Bruce and Leigh visited Bogota, Villa de Leyva and Cartagena, and discovered "some of the most beautiful country in the world" around Jerico (60 miles from Medellin). Bruce found Colombia fascinating, "with a rich and varied history and culture." ...**John Kalbacher** is treasurer and chief financial officer at R.C. Knox and Co., a Hartford-based independent insurance agency. John is also in charge of the agency's administrative services. A CPA, John lives in Hartford with his wife and two sons. ...**Jim Kingsley** recently moved to Portland, Maine, where he teaches in a private elementary school and plans to join a local community theatre. He and Kimberley Murchie were married in Mead Chapel on May 20, 1989. They hope to buy a house and settle down in the Portland area. Jim says he had a great time at Reunion. ...**Warren Lake** has a private law practice in Laconia, N.H. He lives in nearby Sanbornton with wife Catherine and their three daughters, Sara (12), Jennifer (9) and Johanna (3). His geography major at Midd carried him through graduate work in the environmental field and on into real estate law. Warren has been a selectman in Sanbornton for the last five years and is active in local planning and zoning issues. He runs into **Mark Mallory**, an attorney in Manchester, N.H., every once in a while. ...**Rick Eldridge** is an associate professor of philosophy at Swarthmore College. Last year, the University of Chicago Press published his book, *On Moral Personhood: Philosophy, Literature, Criticism, and Self-Understanding*. The book is said to present "a convincing argument that literature is the most important and richest source of insights in favor of a historicized Kantian moral philosophy," and will be "important reading for moral philosophers, literary theorists, and readers and critics of Conrad, Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Austen." ...**Marc Simpson** is curator of American paintings at the deYoung Museum in San Francisco, where the collection of American paintings is considered to be "first rate." Last spring, he coordinated publication of *The American Canvas: Paintings from the Collections of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco*. Reviewers of the book say, "This collection of brief essays makes you want to read more.... Even better, they make you want to go and see the pictures again for yourself." ...Congratulations to **Larry Little** and Julie Barker (UNH '86) who were married in August in Peterborough, N.H. Their honeymoon was spent camping in Banff and Jasper National Parks in the Canadian Rockies. Until recently, Larry and Julie were both instructors for Outward Bound. This fall they both began new jobs at the Fay School in Southboro, Mass., a private day/boarding school for grades 1 through 9. Larry is athletic director and coaches football, basketball and baseball. He writes, "a new house, two new jobs, a new career direction, and a new marriage. Not too much stress all at once, eh?" Sound familiar to anyone? Old friends are always welcome to call or drop in on Larry and Julie. ...After several months of market research and business planning as an independent consultant, **Carol Blakely Counihan** became director of marketing at Gradient Corp., an environmental firm in Cambridge, Mass. Her four-day work week leaves a little extra time for teaching Sunday school and taking special trips with sons Chris (5—on Christmas Day) and Geoff (2). We are enjoying our new job as class secretaries. Now, more than ever, we appreciate the outstanding job done by **Becca Gustafson Brown** and **Tony MacDonald** for the last five years. Thanks from all of us in the Class of '75, Becca and Tony! ...Please take a minute to let us know what's going on in your life. Not all of us have written books or traveled to faraway places. Your classmates are interested in everyday news, too. Write to us or to the College—it will be great to hear from you! Happy Holidays!

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Class Secretaries: *Catherine Colton Drake, 546 Hilaire Road, St. Davids, PA 19087, and Jim Vear, 5222 W. Winona, Chicago, IL 60630.*

Everything is going well for **Paul Tierney** and wife Peggie in Japan where Paul is still teaching English and Peggie recently started a job at Temple University Tokyo. They will be overseas until May 1991 (when we hope the Tierneys and all other '76ers will make their best effort to attend our 15th Reunion, May 31-June 2, 1991). Paul has spent quite a bit of time studying Japanese, a pursuit he finds frustrating both because it is such a difficult language to learn and because everyone seems to speak English anyway. They have also done some traveling and highly recommend Thailand for a vacation. Paul reports that the food is so delicious and cheap that it's difficult to avoid putting on a few pounds. ...**Jim Griffin** has been with Ilva U.S.A., Inc., for one year, using all of his hands-on skills building a national sales force. A subsidiary of the seventh largest steel

mill in the world, the company is located in Italy. The new job unfortunately forced Jim to relinquish his position as president of the Hamden, Conn., Little League, probably to the delight of wife Elizabeth and the sorrow of their two sons, Eamon (10) and Kiernan (9). ...**Jonathan Phillips**, an associate professor of chemical engineering at Pennsylvania State University, is spending a sabbatical with his family at the Centre National de la Recherche sur la Catalyse—and no, that's not in New Jersey! Jon is in Lyon, France, which he says is a great base for some skiing in the nearby Alps. ...**Isabel Vock Hart** has been promoted from assistant VP to VP, planning and analysis, for T.J. Maxx. She has been with the company for eight years. ...**Kirk Rynearson** and wife Deborah have been living in Key West for the last five years, since selling their restaurant in Philadelphia. A broker with Bender-Tanis ERA Real Estate, Kirk is actively contributing to the affordable housing crisis by buying and renovating "Conch" houses to sell to the idle rich. Tennis, fishing and painting round out a grueling lifestyle. ...Another classmate is roughing it in Florida. **Jacqueline Sulek** is down in Fort Lauderdale toiling away as a chef—working exclusively on yachts! ...As a Midd student, **Lynn Fisher Waldo** believed the key to solving questions about the natural world lay in physics. "I loved physics because I believed I was studying the most basic of all sciences. I felt that almost any problem could be condensed into a physics problem." Her fascination with physics was eventually transferred to mathematics. "It's important to get a person involved with math, which means that they are willing to do math beyond their homework assignments—use it in their lives, use it in other courses, and to be willing to play with math. Sometimes I see kids who don't think they're good at math, then they realize they are. Those are my biggest successes." In fact, Lynn has been so successful that she was elected 1990 Teacher of the Year by the faculty of Woodstock Union High School. Lynn teaches algebra, geometry, calculus, and topics in enriched math, as well as coaching the ninth and tenth grade math teams. Along with the teacher of the year award, Lynn was also one of only three teachers from Vermont nominated for the 1990 Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. Lynn is also pursuing her master's degree through Dartmouth College. She lives in Woodstock with husband John and their daughters, Sarah (12) and Emma (9). ...And, finally, some news from your cub (Cubs?) reporter (**J.V.**) about a change in my own life. After teaching environmental science for the Chicago Academy of Sciences Museum for the last seven years, I have started a new career. I've joined my in-laws' wholesale custom picture framing business (Gudbrandsen Frame Co.) here in Chicago. At this job I know all of the bosses, including my wife, Amy, who has been with the company for eight years. My position involves learning all aspects of the trade, and I even get to work with power tools! I also get to work with adults, instead of the steady diet of 9- to 12-year-olds I had been dealing with, and this has been a VERY welcome change. I'm working harder and longer, but enjoying the new challenges. So, with that bit of news, I'm signing off as your class secretary from '86-'91 (has it been five years already?) and Cathy will be finishing off the rest of our "term." Thanks to all who contributed news of themselves over the years, and I look forward to seeing EVERYONE at our 15th Reunion!

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Class Secretaries: *Libet Campbell Peters, P.O. Box 1, Edgartown, MA 02549, and Robert C. Lindberg, 6 Jefferson St., E. Granby, CT 06026.*

Thanks to all who responded so enthusiastically to our mailing! As a result, we have lots of news, so get comfortable and read on. ...**Duncan Law, Jr.**, announces the birth of Duncan K. Law III on July 21, 1990, making him about the right age for the Midd Class of '12! ...**Nancy Higgins** married Bruce Burke in September. She works with blind and visually impaired children in public schools throughout New Hampshire. Bruce is legislative counsel for the Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire and the owner of Capitol Consultants of New Hampshire. ...**Karen Amirault** and **Dean Corren** (92 Brookes Ave., Burlington, VT 05401) were married in July 1989. Dean works in computer and energy consulting, chairs the Burlington Electrical Commission, and is running for state representative from his district, Chittenden 7-3 (hope things went well in the November election, Dean!). ...**Jacquie Phelan** is publishing *WOMBAT News*, a newsletter for the Women's Bike and Tea Society. She is also an avid mountain biker. Last summer she flew to Vermont from her California home to compete in the Pro division of the New England Mountain Bike Championships at Mount Snow. ...**David Towne** lives in Plymouth, N.H., with wife Missy and son William. David has joined the staff of Plymouth Internal Medicine. ...Paul and **Mary Beth Swerz Snyder** live in Hanover with Willy (3) and Annie (1). They had a summer reunion with Kenny and **Sue Phelps Fisher** and Adrian and **Nancy Eaton Welch** and kids on Seneca Lake. New address for the Snyders is Pinneo Hill Road, Hanover, NH 03755. ...**Tanina Frouge** (59 East 74th St., #6B, New York, NY 10021) is an investment banker with Hambrecht & Quist. She received her MBA from Northeastern in 1985. In September she was planning to spend a week grouse shooting in Scotland with friends. ...Also in New York, working as a production manager for Ron Delsener Productions, is **Tony Melchior**. He works on major rock concerts such as McCartney, Bowie, Little Feat, the Stones, Elton John and other large outdoor shows, such as Earth Day. He recently vacationed in Europe with Rick Maeder '76 and his family. Tony says he is "single and still happily looking!" ...**Neil Pearson**, who was director of the Echocardiography Laboratory at the Lahey Clinic until August 1988, is now in private cardiology practice in Connecticut. Neil lives at 1550 Bucks Hill Road, Fox Hill Farm, Southbury, CT 06488 with wife Margaret and son Eric Michael (born in March 1989). Neil is also an assistant clinical professor of medicine at Yale. ...**"Pegs" Lecko Gibson** is a senior associate engineer at IBM in Essex Junction, Vt., while she works on her M.S. in material science (which she hopes to complete in the spring of '91). She and husband David, who works for the Vermont State Dept. of Fisheries, were married in 1982. They have built their dream house in Underhill Center. ...**Jill Winslow** is in her 11th year teaching special needs children. She also volunteers as an adult literacy tutor. Last February, she and husband Russ Haschke cruised to seven islands in the Caribbean, a vacation she highly recommends—even for those who don't think they would particularly enjoy it. ...Still working as an associate dean of students, a Spanish teacher and varsity gymnastics coach at Kingswood-Oxford School, **Lynn Schork** (49 Robin Road, West Hartford, CT 06119) spends her summers traveling. Last summer she went on a pre-Colombian archaeological dig in Chile with Earth Watch. ...Since finishing his residency in internal medicine at George Washington University, **Jim Buxbaum** (2239 39th Place NW, Washington, DC 20007) has been practicing emergency medicine with a large private practice in the D.C. area. On the side, he is the assistant medical director of U.S. Assist, an international travel assistance company. In his spare time, he has been racing triathlons and open water long distance swims. This year, for the first time, he qualified for the USTS Championships Triathlon for his age group. Congratulations, Jim! ...Former art major **Jessica Levine** (17 Adam St., Pittsfield, MA 01201) left Middlebury in 1974, graduated from Berkshire Community College in June 1981, then attended Smith College as a French major. She was recently involved in advocacy for the mentally ill in Berkshire County, Mass. She planned to volunteer for the Sherwood Guernsey (Democrat) for Senator campaign in the fall and then to return to Berkshire Community College. Thanks for filling us in, Jessie, and keep in touch! ...From Hong Kong (2A Moulin Court, 65 Blue Pool Road), **Steve Maire** writes of his "energetic two-year-old son, Christopher, survival of the Tiananmen incident, the Hong Kong 1997 jitters, the U.S. retailing recession, and the hottest summer in 90-some years." Last summer his wife, Kim, took their son to the U.S. for a cold May vacation, while Steve went to Europe to race with a Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club rowing crew at Henley Royal Regatta. In the fall they took a long weekend trip to Macau, where Steve was hoping to see a more relaxed side of life than the fabric industry presents. ...**Beth Baldwin** (64 Torbay Road, London NW6 7DZ, England) has lived for three years in London with husband Ken Galvin and daughter Grace. Ken has a software development company, Beth works for an advertising agency as a "planner," and Grace attends the American School in the Pre-K class. They bought a 200-year-old house in New Hampshire as a foothold in New England, but then

Six Midd friends from the Urban Outing Club of Boston were whooping it up on the plaza at Snowbird in Utah in March '90: back row, from left, Dick Eaton '78, Asa Phillips '79, Emory Williams '78; middle row, Beth Harrington (M.A. French '82) and Jeff Plank '78. Renie Knecht '82 missed the picture; she went to Park City for some peace and quiet!

"fled back to London to fund the renovations!" ...Three years ago, Maimouna and **David Negus** (4 North Gate Road, Westport, CT 06880) were married in Bamako, Mali (West Africa), where he had been working for six years with CARE and the American Friends Service Committee. They then worked for two years with CARE in Mogadishu, Somalia. Early this year they returned to the States and settled in Westport, where David works for Save the Children. They have a two-year-old son, William. David would love to hear from old friends, as he has been out of the country almost constantly since we graduated! ...David and **Laurie Ferguson Brownell** (P.O. Box 60, Andover, NH 03216) and one-year-old son Buckman ("Bucky") travel together shooting photos for Orvis Outdoors (which enables them to see **Keith**

Michl), among other clients. On their way to Cape Hatteras for windsurfing each spring and fall, they stop in to see **Franklin Morton** in Baltimore. Bucky travels well and "in one year has seen more places than Laurie had seen in 20!" ...After several years of field assignments with Del Monte, **David French** has finally had a chance to settle down. He has bought his first house (813 Maple Terrace, Madison, WI 53705), which he is renovating, and he is starting his doctoral program in food science at the University of Wisconsin. ...As for yours truly, I (**Libet Campbell Peters**) saw Pam Sperry Findlay '78 and her three toweheads at a children's enrichment room one rainy August Saturday here on the Vineyard. More of your responses will appear in the next issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Lucy Newell Hancock, 15 Amber Road, Hingham, MA 02043, and Robert K. Race, 21 Willowdale Road, Topsfield, MA 01983.*

John Hyman is still teaching in the literature department at American University in Washington, D.C. He and wife Betsy Alperin had a son, Jacob Alperin Hyman, on May 1, 1990. ...Megan and **Bill Phelps** and children Cammie (5) and Tyler (3) have moved from Hingham, Mass., to San Marino, Calif. Bill and his father sold their company, Superior Brands, Inc., to the Carnation Co., and Bill is now working for Carnation. Their new address is 2300 Chaucer Road, San Marino, CA 91108. ...**Bern Terry** continues to work for Superior Brands in Quincy, Mass. Bern and Lyndal (Blodgett) '77 live in Hingham, Mass., with their two children, Madeleine and Elyse. ...**John Myhre** is now part owner of Skihaus in Middlebury, while wife Peggy (Robinson) '79 is a nurse at the College. ...**Pete Bostwick** has been chosen by Johnson & Higgins to manage the company's newly-opened Rochester, N.Y., office. Pete, who started with Johnson & Higgins as an account executive in 1981, became a vice president in the New York City office in 1986.

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Class Secretaries: *Sharon Flack Mussomeli, Department of State, Colombo, Washington, DC 20520-6100, and Katie Weidman Jones, 2621 Canyon Falls Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.*

A few tidbits of news reached **Sharon Flack Mussomeli** via **John** and **Donna Brewer MacKenna**, who came to Washington in June with Duncan (3) and Peter (9 mos.) to pay a farewell visit before Sharon's overseas move. ...Congratulations to **Kate Pillsbury**, who welcomed her second child, Jeffrey Pillsbury Sogge, on May 21. ...Congratulations are also in order for Ned Farquhar '80, who in June was named director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Ned, who has a master's from Cambridge, worked on environmental issues in Alaska for six years before joining the VNRC. ...**Donna Brewer MacKenna**, a lawyer with a J.D. from New York University, was preparing in June to return to work after an extended maternity leave. **John MacKenna**, in the meantime, has had some interesting and enlightening experiences in legal work as the foreman of a jury in a federal bribery trial. John, a copy editor and a columnist for *The Times*, an Essex County, Mass., newspaper, recently published some of his columns under the title *Idle Thoughts*. The thoughts are far from idle; it's highly recommended reading! ...A newspaper article, entitled "Peter Christianson—the amiable head of WICN," reported Peter's career odyssey from literary magazine editor to store manager to broker to sailmaker to executive director of WICN, a radio station in Worcester, Mass. In addition to his Middlebury degree, Peter has found time to study at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and, after his stint as a broker, to get his MBA from Boston College Graduate School of Management, where he concentrated his studies on non-profit administration. Peter is also active in his community—chairman of the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council, member of the Maynard Arts Lottery Council, volunteer fund-raiser for the United Way of Central Massachusetts. ...**David** and **Anne Orrick Barton** are the parents of Katherine Anne, born September 28, 1989. David works at Digital Equipment Corp. in NYC; Anne is a part-time freelance producer in Fairfield County, Conn. ...**Mary Beth Folia** spent most of her summer at home recuperating from a car accident. She continues to enjoy working at CIGNA in Hartford, Conn. ...A busy year behind her, **Kim Crawford Harvie** took a month's vacation from her duties at the Arlington Street Unitarian Universalist Church in Boston. Santa Fe, N.M., provided plenty of opportunities to relax and see the sights for Kim, Marnie Crawford Samuelson and their daughters, Jamie and Jessye. Trip highlights included a backpack excursion into Bandelier National Park and climbing 140 feet of ladders to view a ceremonial cave! ...**Peter** and **Kathy Byrd Mandel** are living in Paris. Kathy is a tax accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick. Peter is working on a book, *The Official Cat I.Q. Test*, to be published by Harper & Row next spring. ...If you're in need of a New Year's resolution, how about sending us an update on your life!? We need more news!

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Class Secretary: *Robin Putnam, 7 Coates Island, Colchester, VT 05446, and Rich Silton, 68 Wesson Terrace, Northboro, MA 01532.*

Since this is the section you all turn to first, your new class secretaries want to make it as interesting and enjoyable as possible—so send your news! Rich encourages you to call him at (work) 508-754-4114 or (home) 508-393-8436. ...Congratulations are in order for **Ned Farquhar**, who in June was named director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Ned, who has a master's from Cambridge, worked on environmental issues in Alaska for six years before joining the VNRC. ...**Jennifur Fields** has joined Leslie Hindman Auctioneers as the director of arts and crafts and numismatics (215 West Ohio St., Chicago, IL). Call 'Niffur if you need to liquidate your estate in a hurry. ...**Rachel Davis** is now an assistant attorney general at the Connecticut office of the Attorney General. ...**John McLendon** has moved to Americus, Ga. (P.O. Box 6416, 31709), where he is working in the legal department of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing in the U.S. and around the world. Yeah, John! ...A recent feature story in the *Keene Sentinel* highlights the work of **Mike Blaine** (Winchester, N.H.), owner and artist behind Dream Wood. Mike creates large wooden sculptures with a chain saw, carving things like bears and Indians. When you're in the area, stop by his shop at the Four Corners in Winchester, N.H. (Sounds like a potential winter term course to us.) ...**Bill Davis** runs a Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife program to revitalize the state's bald eagle population. Bill has 10 adult birds nesting in the state right now. Except for an occasional mangled thumb, Bill is enjoying his work immensely. ...**Robin Putnam** has a new job teaching sixth grade at the Charlotte (pronounced Shar-LOT) Central School in Charlotte, Vt. Last summer she spent two weeks in Seattle where she met up with **Macy Lawrence Ratliff, M.J. Wagner**, Gretchen Hund McCabe '79 and **Steve Ahmann**. Macy and husband John welcomed their first child, Katherine Eliza, into the world on July 11, 1990. Steve is usually climbing in the mountains, when not busy running his battery distribution company, Pacific Power Batteries (sounds kind of like the Scotch Tape store on *Saturday Night Live*, eh, Steve?). ...Donald '78 and **Heidi Hunter Siegrist** welcomed their new daughter, Henley Scott Siegrist, on October 2, 1989. ...Also adding to the fold were Jochen and **Susie Estes Wolter**, who announced the arrival of Max back in March.

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Class Secretaries: *Elaine King, 3 Brattle Drive, #3, Arlington, MA 02174, and Joshua M. Horowitz, 2829 Bonnie Lane, Stockton, CA 95204.*

Our 10th Reunion is just around the corner—May 31 to June 2, 1991. ...We heard from **Eleanor Duvivier-Dunn** who is enjoying her work as a veterinarian for a small animal clinic in California. She and husband Mike (Carleton, U. of Ill. '82) were married in October of '89 and are new homeowners in the hills of Oakland. ...Eleanor mentioned that Caroline and **Ben Mathes** recently welcomed a third baby into their lives. Ben is teaching math at Colby College. ...**Josh Horowitz** and Patty Bagett were married on August 4, after which they took a long trip to Hawaii. '81ers who attended the nuptials were **Tom Cagnina** and **C.W. Davis** with wife Suzanne. Tom has left Manufacturers Hanover Trust after many years to step over to Citicorp and the world of private banking. ...See you all at Reunion!

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Mitchell Ranson, 27 Lafayette St., Hopewell, NJ 08525, and Stephen P. Kiernan, 189 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Paul Cramer married Mary Gard (Oberlin '84) on July 7, 1990 in South Bend, Ind. After a honeymoon trip to Italy, Austria and Germany, they returned to the Boston area (206 Massachusetts Ave., #7, Arlington, MA 02174). Paul, who graduated from Harvard Law in '86, is a consultant at Conflict Management Inc., a dispute resolution firm, while Mary is a paralegal at Lourie & Cutler. Paul would love to hear from any Midd grads, "especially those I sent invites to at five-year-old addresses!" ...On June 30, 1990, **Andy Regan** and Lisa Ware (13994 East Arizona Ave., Aurora, CO 80012) tied the knot in Denver. Midd grads in attendance included **John Buerger, Brian Weeks, Polly Mitchell Ranson** and Andy's brother, T.L. Regan '77. Lisa is the branch manager for Kuehne & Nagel, a freight forwarding company; Andy continues to practice law. He recently adopted his stepdaughter, Jenni. ...**Brett Berman** married Jennifer O'Brien on April 28, 1990. They are living in Montreal (3460 Simpson St., #903, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 2J4) where Brett is VP of Lakewood Capital Group Inc., an investment firm specializing in limited partnerships, primarily in the Canadian energy sector. Midd alums in attendance at the wedding were Connor O'Brien '83 and Margaret Babbott '83. ...**Caroline Rosen** married Greg DeBois on July 22, 1990. Their address is

568 Willow Court, Benicia, CA 94510. ...**Susan Hansen** and Jack Reagan (93 Glenbrook Road, #206, Stamford, CT 06902), B-school sweethearts, were married October 7, 1989, in Nashville, Tenn. **Laura Cassedy** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. ...**Sara Grove** married James Macaulay on July 2, 1988. They are living at 921 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02115. ...**John** and **Hannah Felton Lyons** have a daughter, Rachel Kathleen, born June 1, 1990. Rachel and her parents spent the summer at the home they built in the Rangeley Lakes region of Maine on Mooselookmeguntic Lake. **Beau Coash** and **Jeff Johnson** paid them a visit. John, who received his M.A. in American history from Georgetown in December '89, is director of studies and runs the American history program for St. Andrew's School (a grade 9-12 boarding school) in Middletown, Del. He is also head coach of the football team. Hannah's home health care business for people living with cancer is doing very well and allows her to work part time while Rachel is growing up. ...Linda and **Trum Soule** have a daughter, Elizabeth, born July 16, 1989. ...Proud grandfather Ronald Butterfield '48 wrote that **Jim** and Madeleine Butterfield '84 **Bass** welcomed James Bass IV on June 22, 1990. Jim received his M.D. degree from Duke Medical in May '90 and began a four-year internship in radiology at the University of Michigan. They can be found at 2407 Stone Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. ...Another Class of '82 M.D., **Kirsten Reinbold** (5307 S. Hudson, Seattle, WA 98118) finished her anesthesiology residency in July '90 and joined the staff at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle as an instructor in anesthesiology. Husband Michael is an associate at Norwest Venture Capital, while daughter Monica (almost 2) is as cute as a bug! ...**Rob Davis** is living in Orlando (1307 Azalea Lane, Maitland, FL 32751) and working in sales for Dun and Bradstreet Software. He recently adopted his stepson, Nathan. ...In August, **Alan Wagman** finished his MBA at Babson and began work as a retail consultant for Management Horizons, a division of Price Waterhouse located in Dublin, Ohio (near Columbus). He and wife Beth are living at 5404A Drumcally Lane, Dublin, OH 43017. ...**Charlie Noyes** (The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, CT 06039) and wife Karin (VonBerg) '81 are going on year #8! They have three healthy, happy kids: Megan (5), Nicholas (3) and Merrick (1-1/2). Charlie is about to start his fifth year at Hotchkiss, coaching and teaching in the visual arts department. He is also working toward an MAE degree from RISD in Providence, R.I. Karin is coaching cross-country and track. They plan to make it up to Midd for our 10th in 1992. ...**Sheila Creamer** (20102 S.W. Birch St., #51, Santa Ana Heights, CA 92707) was transferred from San Diego to Orange County, Calif., with Time Electronics, where she continues to do very well as a sales representative. She'd love to hear from any classmates who find themselves in the area. ...**Richard Scully** (P.O. Box D, Dwight, IL 60420) informs us that he is "(1) strongly supporting anti-gun lobbies, (2) pro-choice, (3) anti political action committees, (4) pushing to raise educational standards by introducing competition to the public school system and ending tenure for teachers, (5) working in Mendoza, Argentina, Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, and Dwight, Illinois (the disputed center of the universe), and (6) pro Free Trade Agreement with Mexico." He also included the things that he is not: "(1) married to a Midd graduate with 2.2 children (yet), (2) working at Chemical Bank in New York, and (3) working with starving AIDs cases in Uganda." Yes, Richard, we *are* glad we asked you for an update! ...**Greg Murphy** has abandoned the rarefied world of research at the U.S. Geological Survey and is working as a geological consultant for Roux Associates in the San Francisco Bay Area. He recently moved to 2570 Carisbrook Drive, Oakland, CA 94611, which he shares with **"RJ" Hake**. Greg spends his free time rock climbing, thinking about climbing, preparing to go climbing, or recuperating from too much climbing! ...**Nat Wilson** (3017 W. Annaley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604) is a happy homeowner, hiker and sailor (he has a Flying Scot sailboat which he races monthly and sails every weekend in good weather). He has an M.S. in geology from the Univ. of Oregon and has worked with the State of North Carolina as a hydro-geologist since 1986. He visited Midd in July, for the first time in eight years. ...**Keith O'Hara** is an English teacher at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Mass., where he also coaches soccer and tennis. ...**Janet Hartke** has received her J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law. Based on her third-year grades, she was named an Edward Hennessey Distinguished Scholar. ...**Bill Cahill** has also received his J.D., graduating cum laude from the New England School of Law last spring. ...Christina and **Tom Calcagni** have moved back to Rutland, Vt., where they are owners of First Line Security, Inc., a home and commercial security system company. They work throughout the Northeast and are willing to help any classmates interested in security systems wherever we may live. ...New York Cares and its executive director, **Ken Adams**, were highlighted in the "Giving a Hand" column in the *Wall Street Journal* last June. ...**Jeff Clarke** has been named the director of athlete development for the U.S. Skiing cross-country program in Park City, Utah. ...Last June, **Monica Donnelly** and **Jocelyn Senior** attended a London reception featuring Middlebury Dean of Students Karl Lindholm '67. ...Hey! What's everyone else doing? Take some time out of your busy holiday schedule to let us know.

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Class Secretaries: *Allison D. Burroughs, 2429 Locust St., #202, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and Kenneth F. Edwards, 9 Aerial St., Arlington, MA 02174.*

During the Class of '83's snowless first Winter Term, **Kathy Carlson** replaced skiing with organ lessons from Emory Fanning. Little did she know that these lessons would lead to a budding career as a harpsichordist in Europe. After graduating from Midd, Kathy's focus on music survived three years at Arthur D. Little, Inc., as a computer modeling consultant. During her stint in the business world, however, she began to ask herself, "What are the things that I really enjoy doing? And where are they?" Answer: Music and the New England Conservatory of Music. So, she enrolled and received her B.A. in music in 1988. She realized that she had made the right decision during an N.E.C. choral tour of Rumania in 1987. At a concert on the Black Sea in front of 3,500 people, the N.E.C. chorus received five encores. At that point Kathy discovered the extraordinarily important role that music could play—not only in cultural centers like Paris, but even more importantly, in repressed countries like Rumania. "Classical music opened cultural doors that showed me that all peoples have the same basic concerns in life." Upon graduation from the N.E.C. Kathy received a scholarship from Rotary International to study and perform the harpsichord in France during the 1989-90 season. Why harpsichord and not her old friend the organ? "I picked the harpsichord because of its sound. Although the organ is certainly awe-inspiring, the harpsichord has a more intimate sound that I enjoy." The plucking nature of the harpsichord (as in a guitar or harp) is what creates the intimacy. Once in France, Kathy studied and performed at the Angers National Conservatory with one of the best harpsichord teachers in the world, Francoise Marmin. She toured, and will continue to tour, throughout France and the rest of Europe, both as a soloist and as part of a quartet which included a violin, a cello and a recorder. Kathy's tour also left a mark in Sweden, where she performed at the Nordic Season Baroque Festival in a town called Nordmaling, only 200 kilometers (124 miles) south of the Arctic Circle. She recalls, "Before the festival the talk of the town was about nothing but elk hunting. After the whole town saw our concert, they talked about nothing but Baroque music and elk hunting." How has Middlebury had an impact on her musical career? She explains that she has really come to appreciate her liberal arts education since she has begun per-

Ham Hackney '84 married Lisa Wilcox on June 23, 1990, in Ithaca, N.Y., an event which brought together a lively group of Midd friends: front row, from left, Rick Makin '84, Paul Quinlan '84, Ann Gustafson Sorice '84 (behind Paul), Wendy Tanner '84, the newlyweds, Mimi Dalbey Tabah '84, Mason Wells '84; second row, Jane Harvey '85, Grant Dewey '84, Holly Flanders, Jennifer Little '84, Steve Moynahan '84, Sid Sorice '81, Brian O'Day '84, Marc Tabah '84, Anne Hambleton '85; third row, Doug Lewis, Josh Rabinowitz '84, David Wagstaff '84, Doug Robotham '84 and David Christopher '83.

Susan Johnson '85 and James Preston '85 were happy to have many Middlebury friends with them when they were married on June 23, 1990: front row, from left, Charlie '81 and Mima Nason Tipper '82, Cecil Barron Jensen '85 and Paul Jensen '85, Steve Embersits '83, Jill Curtis '89, Jim Sullivan '86; second row, Steve Lathrop '73, Blake Herron '85, Rob Cartmell '84, Regan Remillard '85, Bob O'Herron '85, Clark Sutton, Cameron Brown '74, Megan Wonnacott Sutton '81, Leslie Baker Brown '84, Kim Davis Gluck '85, Mimi Harding Owen '85, Victoria Preston '90, Nicky Biddle '86, Phyllis Armstrong '55, Gail Howard Flanagan '55, Hugh Marlow '57, Eric Wilson '84; back row, Pat Holmes '85, Andy Gluck '85, Josh Paris '85, Steve Putnam '86, John Bedolis '86, Bruce Genereaux '86, Wes Carrington '85, Paul Oyer '85 and John Owen '85. Not pictured: Dina Moakely '86.

Martha Punderson and David Graf, both '85, were married in Landgrove, Vt., on September 2, 1990, by Chaplain Emeritus Charlie Scott. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Linda and Frank Punderson '55. Of the more than 200 guests, 56 were Middlebury alumni, many of whom were pictured with Lizzie the Dog: front row, from left, Chaplain Scott, Duncan Ogden '54, Warren '54 and Nancy Stevens Fuller '54, Pat Hinman Makin '55, Frank Punderson '55, Charlie Curtis '85, Jane Ogden Houston '83, Meg Storey '85, Cam Brown '74 and Leslie Baker-Brown '84, the newlyweds, Lindsay Barstow '85, Ingrid Punderson '88, Karen Sothern '85, Nancy Locke '85; second row, David '85 and Heather Kelly-Hedrick '85, Dave Christopher '83, Rick Makin '84, Doo Dah Ned Brown '83, Geoff May '85, John "85 and Karen Rockow Chalmers '85, Betsey Herdman Goldstein '85, Geoff Hale '84, Cindy Gavett Mumford '83, John McIntosh '85, Barbara MacLeod '85, Chris Clark '92, Faith Bruins '85, Scott Joslin '85, Sarah Buffum '85, Andrea Baier '85, Barney Hodges '91, Mike Harvey '81, Ed Martin '56, David Goldstein '85, Jill Madden, Alex Prud'Homme '84, Mike Chalmers '91, Tana Sterrett Scott '65, Jamie '85 and Suzie Johnson Preston '85, Lilli Shuell Caldwell '86, Neal McNealus '79, Chris Brigham '85, Tom Gavigan '86 and Cathy Hill '85.

When Stephanie Markus '85 married Steven Kandarian on May 27, 1990, Middlebury friends who came to celebrate with them included, front, from left, Charlie Robinson '82, Mary Leahy '85, Jon Peterson '86, Paul Bucci '85; back, Amy Kaplan Hanson '85, Lee Findlay '85, Anne Davis Peterson '86, Liz O'Connell Robinson '86, the newlyweds, Jean Flemma '85, Doug Price '85 and Sara Dowd Wells '85.

forming. "Music performance is a lot like acting. Every performance demands creativity. The only way one can properly interpret each piece for your many different audiences is by using your liberal arts training. So, on the music, Middlebury had no impact. On music-making, Middlebury made all the difference." What other positive impact did Middlebury have during her year in Europe? On her skiing, of course. Kathy finished second in a slalom competition among Rotary Scholarship recipients in the French Alps. Kathy now plans to move to Paris for the next couple of years to continue performing and teaching the harpsichord to other aspiring students. To give up a "stable" career hasn't been hard for Kathy. As she says, "When you're happy with what you do, you get good at it. That creates a stability all its own."

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Class Secretaries: *Cecil Marlowe, 2432 Kenilworth Road #A, Cleveland Hts., OH 44106; and Kristin Smith, 68 Commonwealth Ave., #2, Boston, MA 02116.*

Jennifer "Spuds" McConnell has changed address and job in NYC. She is now working for Nomura Bank and her new address is 39 Jane St., #5C, NYC 10014. ...**Bob** and Susie LaVendeer **Crews** are living in Essex Junction, Vt. Bob works for Cigna Corp. and Susie works at the Chittenden Bank. ...Anders '85 and **Sally Lindwall Knutzen** have moved to Minnesota (219 15th Ave., S.W., Rochester, MN 55902) where Anders has begun a residency in radiology at the Mayo Clinic. Sally works in the clinic's dept. of medicine, serving on several committees to improve the residency program in internal medicine. Sally and Anders welcome all visitors! ...This fall **Nora Cregan** entered the home stretch—her third year of law school at the University of Chicago—after splitting her summer between San Francisco and Chicago. ...Word has reached us that **Andy Curtis** is living and working in Portland, Oregon. He has earned a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Oregon's architecture department. ...Jim '82 and **Madeleine (Lynn) Butterfield Bass** are the proud parents of James Bass IV. They live at 2407 Stone Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (313-764-5155). Our thanks to Ronald W. Butterfield '48 (Madeleine's dad) for letting us know! ...**Hamilton Hackney** and Lisa Wilcox (Univ. of Utah, former professional skier) were married on June 23, 1990, in Ithaca, N.Y. They now live at 1784 Jasmine, Denver, CO 80220. Ham works for a law firm as bond counsel for municipal bond issues. ...**Janet Lynch** lives in Charlottesville, Va. ...**Mark Martin** is in Springfield, Vt. ...**John Gannon** lives in Arlington, Va., and works as an attorney for the SEC in Washington, D.C. ...**Patricia Lenehan**, who has completed business school at the Univ. of Chicago, works for Walgreen Co. as a financial analyst. ...**Glenn** and **Cheryl Whitney Lower** are living in Twin Bridges, Montana. ...**Dave Wagstaff**, still with Deutschebank, is back in the New York City area after working for a year in West Germany. ...**David Sobel** graduated from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government with a master's in public policy in June 1990. ...**Rich Smith** and Barbara Dill (Colgate '86) were married on June 18, 1990, in Colchester, Vt. Rich graduated from medical school at UVM and now lives in Arlington, Va. (phone 703-486-2457). He is working on a residency while Barbara completes a three-month term in Alaska. ...**Andy Karas** graduated in May 1990 from the University of California at Davis with a master's in international development. ...**Tony Flint** is a staff reporter at the *Boston Globe*, writing primarily about issues in higher education. Tony lives at One Cornelius Way, Cambridge, 02139 (617-354-8856). ...**Paul Quinlan** has moved to Jackson, Wyoming, to work for a small plaintiffs' firm. ...**Cindy King Guffey** (1020 Base Line Road, La Verne, CA 91750) completed a degree last spring in marriage counseling. Her husband, Alan, is continuing his work as a youth minister. ...**Heidi Mosburg** has moved down the canyon to 4814 Fortuna Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84124. She has a new job as recycling director for the town of Alta. ...**Kristin Smith** works at the Executive Office of Communities and Development in public housing management for the state of Massachusetts. ...**Rich Woodward** and Rosibel Herrera (Univ. of Costa Rica) were married in Venecia, Costa Rica, on September 1, 1990. Classmates who traveled to celebrate with them were **Peter Wagner, Karen Kaminsky** and **Pete Tichansky**. Rich and Rosi will continue living in C.R., where Rich works for the Tropical Science Center of Costa Rica and Rosi works in the tourism industry. ...**Jim** and **Elizabeth Hackett Robinson** have moved to 110C Inman Court, Cambridge, MA 02139 (617-354-8017). They are both tackling new jobs, Jim with Pinnacle Micro Computers and Elizabeth with the Bank of Boston's Office of Government and Community Affairs. ...**Mary Dolbear** began teaching French and Spanish last fall at the Weston School, after a summer of studying geography and Spanish and a trip to Costa Rica. ...**Doug Robotham** is working on international dispute resolution issues for the Conservation Law Foundation in Washington, D.C. ...**Steve Moynahan** has begun an accelerated MBA program at the Univ. of Utah, working full time while taking classes. ...**Rick Makin** and Lainey Lynch (Trinity '84) were married on September 29, 1990, in Bridgehampton, N.Y. Rick is VP for the energy and utilities group at Barclay's Bank; Lainey works in advertising at *Ski Magazine*. ...**Jeff "J.C." Connolly** recently relocated to Atlanta. ...**Adam** and **Chris Chandler Baker** have moved to Vancouver, Wash., where Chris works for the Columbia River Mental Health Services as a mental health therapist and case manager. ...**Helen Carpenter** and Charlie Bodell (Hobart '84) were married on June 16, 1990, in Stonington, Conn., and are now living in Pawtucket, R.I. Helen graduated from Yale Divinity School in May 1990 and is now working toward certification in clinical pastoral care and is an intern with Hospice Care of Rhode Island. Charlie is an executive with a textile company in Providence. ...**Tom Steinle**, who works for Connecticut Mutual Life, lives in Hartford with wife Ann. ...**Geoff Hale** has completed one year of business school at U.Va.'s Darden School and is now into his first year of law school, working toward a joint degree. ...**Susan Partain** and **Sam Pierpont** attended last summer's Middlebury Alumni Cruise in New York Harbor. ...**Jason Bacon** and **Dale Dewey** attended a Middlebury reception in London. ...We need to hear from more folks. So, please drop us a note so we can keep up with you. Your classmates will apppreciate it.

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Class Secretaries: *Toni Mauck, 51 Clarendon St., #3, Boston, MA 02116, and Phil LeTourneau, 13132 Menorah Ave., S.E., #C, Albuquerque, NM 87123.*

Phil LeTourneau and **Toni Mauck** are looking forward to the next five years of keeping you posted as to the whereabouts and activities of the Class of '85. Big thanks to Andy and Kate for a complete five years of our history since graduation! ...Classmates who have gone on to earn graduate degrees include **Peter Drewniany** from New York Law School, **George Elliman** from the Darden School at U.Va., **Pat Holmes** from the Sloan School at M.I.T. and **Bill Gilson** from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. ...**Chris Winters** is beginning at Teachers College at Columbia University as a Peace Corps Fellow, after volunteering for the Peace Corps in Mali. ...Many are relocating, including **Bill** and **Leslie Hazlewood Spurr**, who have moved to Bellevue, Wash.; **Sandy Alvarez**, who has moved to Florida and is flying the friendly skies of Continental Airlines; **Ed Brown**, who is now in NYC; and **Bart Riley**, who is in Watertown, Mass., working at American Superconductor Corp. ...**Pete Lamson** is running the sales side of his own business, along with one other partner out of a New Hampshire office. ...**Eileen Minnefor** is moving to Boston to work for the law firm of

Ropes & Grey. ...**Jim Boyd** will be doing benefits consulting at Caroon & Black. ...**Ethan Bloomberg** is in Kenya teaching English. ...**Doug White** is taking classes at UVM. ...**Mike Donovan** is doing his residency in North Carolina, while **J.P. Tracey** continues his residency in Providence, R.I. ...**David St. George** is somewhere in the Persian Gulf. ...**Andrew "Stils" Bustillo** enjoyed a summer skiing trip in Chile. ...**Paul** and **Cecil Barron Jensen** bought a VW bus for a summer Canadian tour, before Paul began to use his law degree at Nutter McClennan in October. ...**Janet Arnold**, a graduate of Georgetown's law school, finished her clerkship in Nashville and headed out to San Francisco last fall. ...**Miguel Fernandez** is working toward his Ph.D. at Princeton. ...**Deb Tripp** was headed over to England to continue work on her Ph.D. thesis on 18th century English literature. ...**Jamie O'Brien** continues to sell hockey sticks in Canada. ...**Jim MacKay** is getting his master's in English from UVM. ...Buster and **Jennifer Karin Clegg** have purchased a home in Rowley, Mass., at which they held a wild Bocci party for a crowd of Midd folks of all ages. ...**Deb Payne** is living in Northampton. ...**Nancy Urner Thorburn** is teaching high school math at the McDuffie School in Springfield, Mass. ...**Regan Remillard** is back in law school at Boston Univ. ...**Karen Elliott Johnson** is alive and well in Kijabe, Kenya. On April 10, she and husband Peter had a daughter who joins her brother, Benjamin. ...**Karen Clark** and **Ware Kuschner** were married in Washington, D.C., on January 28, 1989. ...**Cynthia Martin** and **Dave Brown** were married on August 25, 1990. ...**Lindsey Kalat** married Enrico Margaroli on May 8, 1990, at the St. Bavo Cathedral in Amsterdam. ...**Phil LeTourneau** invites classmates to call him with news at (505) 271-1508. Phil is beginning his second year in graduate school at the Univ. of New Mexico, hoping to have his M.A. in archaeology in May. As part of his research, he spent last summer excavating a 450,000-year-old early human site in England. ...Fifth Reunion additions include **Lisa Arias** and her husband, Nemesio Pereira, **Shelagh Connor Shapiro, Beatriz Esguerra Escallon** and **Kelly Petrison**. They were all on hand for Shelagh's marriage to Jerry Shapiro on June 3 in Richmond, Vt. Also present were **Christina Bailar, Fiona Coleman, Mike Donovan, Ann Friedhofer, Winslow Furber, Elizabeth Hawkey**, Ross and **Carol Milaccio-Albert, Eileen Minnefor** and **Cordelia Pitman**. Now living in Colchester, Vt., Shelagh is a public relations administrator for the IDX Corp. in Burlington. Christina spent the rest of the summer working and having a great time in Hong Kong. Lisa is teaching English in Orense, Spain. ...On June 9, **Matthew Dawson** married Elizabeth Needham '86 in Toronto, where the group included **Brian Concannon, Kley Parkhurst, J.P. Tracey** and **Doug White**. ...The same day, **Liz Dashnaw** married Steve O'Brien '87. They were joined by **Betsy Ahlberg, Polly Boswell, Dave Goldstein, Elizabeth Hawkey, Betsey Herdman** and **Amy Kieger**. ...**Polly Boswell** was married on August 11 and we hope to have the details by next issue. ...**Betsey Ahlberg** married Andy Priest on August 4, with guests including **Polly Boswell, Liz Dashnaw O'Brien, Holly Diamandis, Elizabeth Hawkey, Amy Kieger** and **Ann Krsul**. ...On August 11, **Al MacDonald** married Amy Hurite in Pittsburgh. Al and Amy were both graduates of Georgetown Law School this year. After honeymooning on a sailboat in the Bahamas, they were beginning work at law firms in the Washington area. ...On June 16, **Winslow Furber** and **Cordelia Pitman** were married in Bayhead, N.J. Well wishers from '85 included **Brian Concannon, Ann Friedhofer, Elizabeth Hawkey**, Ross and **Carol Milaccio-Albert, Eileen Minnefor, Kley Parkhurst, Kelly Petrison, Bob O'Herron, Dave St. George** and **J.P. Tracey** as best man. Elizabeth is having a great time living in Boston. She is working on the Oxfam catalog. Bob, working for Clean Harbors in Braintree, Mass., spent six weeks in Baltimore last summer on a special project. Ann began her first year at Cornell Univ. Veterinary School in the fall. ...And, from South of the Border, **Marty Wenthe** is studying medicine in Mexico city.

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Class Secretaries: *Suzanne Duncan Simmonds, 778 Mill Hill Road, Southport, CT 06490; John B. Briggs, P.O. Box 47, Bedford, NH 03102; and James H. Bromley, Jr., 103 Hills Point Road, Westport, CT 06880.*

Thanks to all who submitted news for the column. Let's hear more from the rest of you! ...**Kerry Brady** (P.O. Box 205, Far Hills, NJ 07931) is now a licensed massage therapist specializing in Jin Shin Jyutsu. She is also doing fundraising and public relations for Tibet. ...**Rica Brower** (413 S. Bozeman Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715)reports she is "very healthy and happy" and would love to give visitors a personal tour of Bozeman anytime. She got her degree in exercise sciences last December at Montana State University and is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine as a health-fitness instructor, which allows her to conduct fitness tests and prescribe exercise programs. She has begun a master's program in counseling, with a goal of finding a profession which integrates her exercise science degree and mental health training. ...**Lisa Ecclestone** (201 E. 69th St., #15-B, New York, NY 10021) is the head of product development for Donghia Textiles. She and Peter "Lars" Erdmann '85 were married on October 13. Lars is the editor of the Columbia *Journal of World Business* and executive editor of the literary magazine *Big Wednesday*. When recently in Vermont, Lisa saw Matt Pifer '87, who is working in Bennington as a state's attorney, and **Amy Wright**, who lives in Vermont with her chocolate lab, "Maggie." ...**Dave Gumbart** (199 Maple St., New Haven, CT 06511) is working with the Nature Conservancy in its Connecticut field office. As preserve steward, he is responsible for managing land housing rare and endangered species of plants and animals. He has also enjoyed going to a local nightclub to hear some great music. He saw Bob Dylan play a five-hour concert and has gone to some bluegrass festivals as well. He's already looking forward to our five-year reunion and hoping for a good turnout. (As are we!) He adds that New Haven has some amazing pizza! ...**Hal Goldman** graduated from Boston College Law School last May and spent the summer in S. Royalton, Vt., studying for the bar exam. In the fall he began a year of clerking for a federal judge on Guam. When he returns he will join the firm of Paul, Frank & Collins in Burlington to practice environmental litigation. His address this year is c/o Superior Court of Guam, Judiciary Building, 110 West O'Brien Drive, Agana, Guam 96910. ...In 1989, **Rich Carroll** graduated from Vermont Law School, where he was a member of the Vermont Legal Research Group and was selected to participate in the Thomas Debevoise Moot Court Competition. He joined the firm of Kristensen, Cummings, Murtha & Stewart in Brattleboro last spring. ...**Toni Sparrow** received a master's in physical therapy from Hahnemann Univ. Graduate School in Philadelphia last May. ...At graduation ceremonies last May, **Ray Castillo** received the academic achievement and leadership award from George Washington Univ.'s Elliott School of International Affairs. He also won the coveted Presidential Management Intern Fellowship which enters him on a fast track career in the U.S. Civil Service. ...With current changes in U.S.-Soviet relations, **Cory Zanin** must have had a fascinating trip to the U.S.S.R. last March. He went to Leningrad and Moscow with 33 other Kellogg students to examine current business issues. ...**Roger Martin Seman** has legally changed his name to **Rafael M. Semansky**. ...**Erin Quinn** and Pam Lawson '88 were married on June 23 at St. Mary's Church in Middlebury. Groomsmen included **Geoff Harlan** and Bobby Ritter '82. Following their reception at the Dog Team Tavern and the Lawson home, they went on a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon. They live in Middlebury where Pam is pursuing a teacher's certification at the college and Erin is on the football/lacrosse coaching staff.

Gathering in Bristol, R.I., on June 2, 1990, for the marriage of Jane Hoffman '86 and Scott Maxwell were, front, from left, Peter Raskin '81, Elizabeth Needham '86, Chris Winters '85, John Bedolis '86, Julie Lambert '86 and Ann McCollum '86; back row, Michael Hoffman '81, Marie Richardson Hoffman '81, the newlyweds, Cindy Davis '86, Thayer Collins '86, Heather Pierce '86 and Caroline Perera '86.

Kerry Polzer '88 and David Morton '85 were married in Mead Chapel on January 6, 1990, attended by, back row, from left, Karen Barker '88, Ingrid Hagberg '88, Chris Brigham '86, Peter Morton, Allen Morton; front row, Marnie Turk, Cathy Polzer and Mark McInerney '85.

Also at the Polzer-Morton wedding, several members of the 1979-87 Middlebury hockey teams got together: from left, Brian Smith '87, Marty Wenthe '85, Wendy Forbes (coach 1962-85), Mike Mcnamara '82, Chip Kenyon '85 and Ken Pucker '85.

Julie Faxon and Scott Seymour, both '88, unfurl the Middlebury banner on the beach at Cape Cod following their marriage on August 18, 1990. Midd alumni and friends surrounding them include, front row, from left, Chad McClennan '88, Steven Peterson '88, Lindwood Faxon '61 (father of the bride), the newlyweds, Jennifer Kitchin '88, Krista Faxon Atkeson '86, Lyn Agre '89, Marlena Faxon '92 and Shevaun Mackie Doyle '88; standing, from left, Dario Quiros '61, John Moser '61, T.R. Lazo '89, Timothy Tripp '88, Katie Schiller '89, Pieter Schiller '61, Beth Loring '89, Michelle Dube '88, Jim Taylor '88, John Renwick '89, Robbie White '89, Nat Saltonstall '88, Hieu Nguyen '92, Ronny Willett '90, Jim Grube (men's lacrosse coach), Pam Lawson Quinn '88, Erin Quinn '86, Mo Omori '88, Nancy Hudson '88, Steve Cox '92, Patrick Reinkemeyer '87, Hugh Marlow '57, Tom Doyle '87 (hidden), Bob Bua '87, Carol Zuck Cahoon '61, Rick Cahoon '61 and Jim Reilly '89. Julie and Scott are living in Washington, D.C., after enjoying a honeymoon in Bermuda.

Suzanne Church and Simon Shepherd, both '89, were married on June 16, 1990, when the sunny smiles included, front row, from left, Phil Lawson '87, Craig Jenkin '90, Wadjeeh Nassir '89, Caroline Biddle '89, Tony Slaton '89, Bob Forsberg '90; second row, Julie Maurer '88, Kris Canfield '89, Elise Gallerani '88, Carla Barker '89, Sarah Pribram '90, the newlyweds, Robby Pedersen '92, Jennifer Douglas '91, Andrew Sterns '89; third row, Scott McBurney '89, Stu Johnstone '86, Patty Ross (cross-country running and skiing coach), Allison Kierstead '88, Geoff Proulx '88, Derek Loeser '89, Delilah Poupori '89, Andy Dahlstrom '89 and Terry Aldrich (cross-country and head ski coach).

...**Geoff Kahler** and Amy Welles were married on August 5 in Mount Kisco, N.Y. A graduate of Hamilton College, Amy is an account executive for HDM Advertising in New York. Geoff is also an account executive in advertising at North Castle Partners in Stamford, Conn. ...Among those on the New York Harbor Cruise were **Dan Cleaves, Parker Gilbert, Mary Sue Holland, Lisa Eddy, Bill O'Herron, Kelley Regan, Julie Lambert, Dave Wood** and **Nick Voulgaris**. ...Attending the London reception with Karl Lindholm '67 in June were **Ivar Mountbatten** and **Jean Fritts**. ...**Dave Carpenter** sent a postcard updating us on his Navy experiences last summer. He is flying as a TACCO (tactical coordinator) on P-3C Orion aircraft, based at NAS Brunswick, Maine. He recently finished a six-month deployment to Keflavik, Iceland, and has traveled to some European countries as well. ...A more recent update from **Mike Green** informs us that he is part of the Marine defensive unit in the desert in Saudi Arabia. We all wish him—and any other classmates involved in the Middle East conflict—safety and a quick return home.

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Class Secretaries: *Dorrie Paynter, 418 E. 83rd St., #5D, New York, NY 10028, and John K. Zehner, Canterbury School, New Milford, CT 06776.*

Happy holidays and thanks for the letters—keep 'em coming! Congratulations to **Doug Fischer**, who has graduated from St. John's University School of Law and is now an attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in New York City. ...**Anne Howland** has left her job at a software company in Boston to pursue a masters in German at U.Mass-Amherst. She's also learning to fly a Cessna 182, a "big yet small plane." ...**Lisa Coe** married Andy Ellicott '86 and is an art director at Evans Manufacturing in Southern California. She, Andy and their Siamese cat are thinking about moving back East sometime in the near future. Lisa has asked for an update on **Tom Gura**. Anyone heard from him recently? ...**Heather Karlson** moved to Denver to fulfill her lifelong dream of being a ski bum. Sounds good! ...**Susan Corkran** got married to Bob Romero on September 3, 1990, on a sheep farm in Rhode Island. ...**Kirsten Hagan** spent the summer working in D.C. and is now in her first year of business school at Tuck. ...**Anne Christie Gusiff** was able to take a business trip to Taiwan for nine days in June while she was working in international freight forwarding and has been tutoring in Chinese. ...Life sounds like it's going well for **Todd** and **Eleanor Ode Walter**, who moved to Charlottesville in August. Todd is attending business school at Darden and Eleanor is proofreading and editing newsletters and travel magazines for the Kelly Group. ...Keep that news coming and enjoy the winter!

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Class Secretaries: *Pam Lawson Quinn, P.O. Box 414, Middlebury, VT 05753, and Jim Calise, 1494 Druid Valley Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30329..*

Happy holidays! **Rita Haselton** and Josh Gould '89 were married on March 10, 1990, in Mead Chapel. **Caley Clark** was present for the event. Josh is an applications developer for Oracle Corporation, the largest database software company in the world, and Rita is working for the Vermont Federal Bank. They live in Burlington. ...On June 9, **Robin Poluhowich** and David Marshack '90 were married at Normandie Farms in Potomac, Md. Middlebury Chaplain John Walsh officiated at the ceremony. ...**Scott Seymour** and **Julie Faxon** were married August 18 on Cape Cod, with four classmates in the wedding party: **Chad McClennan, Steve Peterson, Jen Kitchin** and **Shevaun Mackie Doyle**. Guests from our class included **Nat Saltonstall, Tim Tripp** (who is working to finish his CPA at Northeastern), **Jim Taylor** (who is an environmental engineer), **Michelle Dube, Pam Lawson Quinn, Mo Omori** and **Nancy Hudson**. Scott and Julie went to Bermuda for their honeymoon before returning to live in Virginia. ... Congratulations to all of the newly married couples! If we missed any of you, please write and let us know all the information! ...Congratulations also to **Melissa Perry Penton** and husband Russ on the birth of their new son, Beau Mitchell. ...The June alumni cruise in NYC brought quite a few '88ers off the city streets: **Mark Atwood, Mark Bensen, Hilary Colgate, Steve Feldman, Pam Frederick, Mark McWilliams, Laurie Micco, Michelle Millin, Sara O'Herron, Ted Ongaro, Cinnie Vaughan, Joan Viebranz** and **Ian Williams**. ...Two class representatives showed up at a reception with Dean Karl Lindholm '67 in London: **Arianne Faber** and **Jeff Uberuaga**. ...Congratulations to **Virginia White**, who received a staff achievement award at NCMA, where she is a communications assistant. Besides reviving a company newsletter, she implemented the national office's paper and aluminum recycling program. ...**Thomas E. Battelle** has been promoted to senior associate in the information technology audit services practice of the Boston office of Coopers & Lybrand. ...**Julie Maurer** is now teaching art at Kingfield and Strong Elementary School in Maine. ...**Jill Horwitz** is working in New York at Columbia Grammar and Prep School. ...**Michael Obel-Omia** is an English teacher at the Roxbury Ringe and Latin School in Boston ...**Jennifer Ringe** is a classroom assistant at Mary Hogan School in Middlebury. ...**Dominick Russo** is a 4th grade teacher at Florence Avenue Elementary School in Los Angeles. ...**Katie Longstreth** is an English teacher at Princeton Day School. ...**Pam Lawson Quinn** is taking the 9th semester program for teacher certification at Middlebury. ...**Nancy Harkin** is attending UC/Berkeley, working toward her MBA. ...**Wendy McDonnell** is a law student at Lewis & Clark in Portland, Oregon. ...**Chong-Seo Park** is a graduate student at Yonsei School of International Studies in Seoul. ...**Sandra Peterson** is at the University of Washington doing graduate work in East Asian studies. ...**Roberta Sengelmann** is a med student at NYMC. ...**Lynn Swansson** is at Tante Marie's Cooking School in San Francisco. ...**Cara Walther** is a med student at Dartmouth. ...**Billy Meagher** received his masters in accounting from Northeastern . ...**Jane Barry** is in San Francisco working as a project coordinator for a non-profit U.S.-Soviet exchange program. She has the opportunity to make frequent trips to the Soviet Union. ...**Dave Peak** is working as a corporate finance officer at an Australian bank in Manhattan. ...**Kerry Yeager** appeared in *American Banker* in an article about charity work by New York banks. Kerry coordinates volunteer efforts for Chase Manhattan. She is also serving as program chairman of the Corporate Volunteers of New York. ...**Don Bramley** has transferred to the Hong Kong office of Solomon Brothers for one year before returning to Harvard Business School in the fall of '91. ...**Michele McHugh** is a circulation supervisor at the Leominster Public Library in Leominster, Mass. ...**Michelle Millin** is an advertising executive in New York City for Lawrence Charles Free Lawson Inc. ...**Susan Van Dyke Ostrow** is a financial analyst for Honeywell Bull in Billerica, Mass. ...**Sarah Roman** is the circulation department for *Vermont Magazine*. ...**Tim Scannell** is assistant editor for Embassy Marine Publishing in Essex, Conn. ...**Chris Storkerson** is an account representative trainee in an insurance company in New York City called Marsh and McClennan. ...**Vic Sulzer** is a research associate for RS Carmichael and Company in White Plains, N.Y. ...**Jim Calise** and **Lisa Kring** are attending Emory Business School in Atlanta, Ga. ...**Rick Berube** is an actor in the Boston area. ...**Frisk Ewing** is an assistant broadcast buyer for the media department at Mullen Advertising in Massachusetts. ...**Pam Frederick** is a graphic designer for Fred Weiner and Son in New York City. ...**Scott Frodyma** is a research assistant for the Mitchell & Co. in Weston, Mass. ...**Pat LeFloch** is a sales executive at Automobiles Citroen in Chatel Guyon, France. ...**Juliana Lilien** is an adminis-

trative assistant at *Rolling Stone* magazine in New York City. ...**Paul Lin** is a free-lance writer in New York City. ...**Marika Mandych** is a graphic designer for Baron Advertising. ...**Missy Geisler** is a program assistant for New York Hospital. ...**Elizabeth Morgan** is in the executive training program for Saks Fifth Avenue. ...**Ingrid Punderson** is a ski coach for the Aspen Ski Club. ...**Gene Huh** is in the first year of the Yale Graduate School of Management MPPM program. ...**Kathy Tignor**, a third year law student at Mercer Law School in Macon, Ga., plans to take the Georgia Bar exam in February. ...**Antoinette VanZelm** is a student in the history graduate program at William and Mary. ...**Mo Omori** is pursuing her master's in language studies at Georgetown. ...**Andre Berot**, the big mama in LA (a direct quote) is an account manager for Emery Worldwide Shipping and is based out of LAX. ...At last word, **Jed Smith** was working for Oracle, a computer software company, as was **Craig Westling**. ...**Andy Ziarnik** has entered the German Ph.D. program at the Univ. of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana. He enjoyed teaching German 101 last spring and decided to give himself a nine-week vacation touring Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, American Samoa and the South Pacific island of Niue. ...**Leah Coburn** is an assistant personal custody administrator at the Boston Company. ...**Lynn Hermanson** has entered the MBA program at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell. ...**Will Wright** is back in Hartford, Conn., after finishing an assignment for Andersen Consulting in Lancaster, Pa. ...**Vicki Wright** is living in Colchester, Vt., while teaching 8th grade English in a school near the Canadian border. ...**Mary Catherman** is at the Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in the library sciences master's degree program. ...**Lissa Ellsworth** is in her first year of the MBA program at UNH. ...**Greg White** and **Scott Schleifer** have joined the growing Middlebury contingent in the San Francisco Bay area. ...**Jackie Woodfork** is working for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., after being evacuated from Liberia at the beginning of the summer due to the civil war there. ...**Jason Rosenbaum** has entered the graduate fine arts program at Columbia Univ. ...**Jeff Benson** is a first year law student at Duke Univ. ...**Frank Cardino**, who is living out on Long Island, has entered his final year of law school. ...Kathy Varanese '89, who lives in Brooklyn, has joined the ever-growing ranks of former paralegals. ...Also in Brooklyn are **Beth Vincelette**, who is working for a publishing company in the City, Andy Merlis '89, who is working for Channel One, and **Christine Lussier**, who is working for Nouvelle Frontiers. ...A few of you sent us information just after the deadline for this issue, so look for it in the March issue. Thanks! If any of this information is old news, or you don't see your name, write to us—that's the only way to fix it! Enjoy the holidays!

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Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield, 351 Fairview Ave. Fairfield, CT 06430, and Timothy O'Shea, 73 Second St., Garden City, NY 11530.*

Happy holidays to the Class of '89! ...We congratulate newlyweds **Steve Marshall** and Nancy Connor '90, who were married in early August in Syracuse. Midd graduates dominated the scene with no fewer than 46 alumni attending, including '89ers **Chris Hiland, Kathleen Brigham, Jim Hackett, Mark Lahive, Phil Morrilly, Kirsten Ritzau, Steve Hopkins, Breck Marshall, Drew Barton** and **Ivar Henningson**. Members of the groom's party were **Sean Brenna, Jim Beach, Bill Baillargeon** and Chris Dayton '87. ...We extend belated congratulations to **Josh Gould** and Rita Haselton '88, who were married last March in Mead Chapel. ...**Anne Phillips** teaches math and computers to middle schoolers at Cheshire Academy in Connecticut; **Adam Ross** teaches Chinese in Richmond, Va., at St. Catherine's School; **Charlie Lamson** is at the Putney School in Vermont as the English intern; and **Tim O'Shea** teaches fifth graders in suburban Philadelphia at the Episcopal Academy. ...**Adam Horowitz**, following a long stint of traveling, is back in school studying journalism. ...**Mary Beth Comerci** is at Vermont Law School. ...**Yellow Pettai** returned to school at Columbia after spending the summer as the assistant editor of the *Estonian Independent* in Tallinn, Estonia, U.S.S.R. ...**Chris Dube** works in the White House as an assistant to the director of political affairs. ...**Katie Ray** and **Karen Lane** are back at Middlebury, working full time in the Emma Willard House, sifting through SAT scores, NOLS experience essays and recommendations in the arduous process of deciding the fates of would-be Midd students. ...**Parker Ward** works as a research assistant at Mass General Hospital. ...**Catherine Eells** toils away as a marketing assistant for Addison-Wesley Publishing in Boston. ...Also in New England, **Andrew Smith** has been working as the manager for the Plaistow (N.H.) Bank. ...**Andrea Salzman** is a social worker for the department of social services in Boston. Andrea is living with **Alison Steele**, who works for MIT. ...**Alison Evans** works in the travel services division of American Express. ...**Charlie Fiedler** joins other '89ers at Arthur Andersen in Hartford, Conn. ...**Ryder Stahl** is finishing up a six-month sales training program for Colgate-Palmolive in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to hawking his wares in various Columbus supermarkets, Ryder is also working on a novel, tentatively entitled, *Catching a Wave with the Whitest Smile*. ...**John Myers** is an assistant media planner for McCann Erickson in Manhattan. ...**Courtney McDonnell** works in the story planning stages of a new television show, *Preview*. ...**Mike Nelms** has been promoted to ensign in the Navy after successfully completing Aviation Officers Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. ...To round out this latest edition of the class notes, we remind all '89ers who love to ski that **Andy Cornish** is living and working in Jackson, Wyoming, and welcomes visitors. Happy holidays to all!

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte, 409 Third St., #3, Brooklyn, NY 02043, and Paul E. Needham, 3 Monument Circle, Hingham, MA 02043.*

The Class of 1990 was represented on recent alumni cruises in both Boston and New York. Among those attending the New York cruise were **Kathy Bashant**, **Caroline Berry**, **Cathy Cape**, **Todd Dubner**, **Kara Hordlow**, **Diahann Klein**, **Anna Smith** and **Meg Walsh**. The Boston cruise included **Paul Needham**, **Katie Edwards**, **Steve West**, **Suzie Parker**, **Liz Zale**, **Carolyn Tracey**, **Kim Granger**, **Justine Blodgett** and **Mike Lane**. ...**Heidi Bruckner** is living on Beacon Hill in Boston and working at Laura Ashley. ...**Barb Menzel** is working for Arthur Anderson. ...**Beth Walton** is now in Watertown, Mass., with **Amy Carmola**, who is working for an architectural firm. ...**Liz Zale** is working for Houghton Mifflin. ...**Steve West** is working for IDS Financial Services in Charlestown, Mass. ...**Dave Welling** is an associate consultant with Bain and Company. ...**Karen Thayer** is a mutual funds representative at Fidelity Investments. ...**John Spellane** is working as a sales representative for UNUM Corp. ...**Cori Jackson** is studying social work at Boston University. ...**Ted Cole** is attending Harvard Divinity School. ...**Glennis Gill** and **Andy Novak** are at Harvard Law School. ...**Mike Yanakakis** is at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. ...**Dan Romani** is working on his master's in early American history. ...**Claudio Medeiros, Kira Petersons, Tammy Taylor, Eric Winick, Paige Walker** and **Phoebe Wood** spent the summer with the Potomac Theater Company and received positive reviews. Phoebe is now a graduate student in theater at Florida State. Tammy is attending the USC screenwriting program. ...**Amy Thrall** is teaching at Kingswood-Oxford School. ...**Janet Weylman** is teaching German at Tabor Academy. ...**Maura Joyce** is teaching Spanish at Laconia High School in New Hampshire. ...**Beth Cronin**, **Sarah Buckley**, **Erin Kenny** and **Kim Bertolino** are all sharing an apartment in New York City. ...**Erika Burk** is an editorial assistant at the *World Policy Journal*. ...**Ted Pick** is with Morgan Stanley. ...**Natasha Wong** is in Chase Manhattan's training program. ...**Natalie Waters** is training with Prudential Investments. ...**Karen Strong** is attending business school at Rutgers. ...**Tim Soos** is a research assistant at Johns Hopkins. ...**Bob Wiklund** was in Washington, D.C., for the summer. ...**Stu Rauch** is a paralegal with Davis Polk Wardell. ...**Jeff Stoner** is with Facilities Resource Management. ...**Jamie Bishop** is teaching English in Poland. ...**Ben Merrifield** is in Taiwan. ...**Bill Eaton** was in Ireland for the summer. ...**Joan Hohweiler** is attending school in England. ...And we're still hoping to hear from all of you! Please write to us and keep us informed of what's going on.

An impressive array of Middlebury friends gathered on August 4, 1990, for the marriage of Nancy Connor '90 and Stephen Marshall '89: front row, from left, Tim Madden '90, Sean Brennan '89, Breck Marshall '89, Christopher Dayton '87, Timothy O'Shea '89, Mark Freni '90, Stephen Lauterbach '90, Carl Trotto '90, James Quirk '90, John Spellane '90, Thomas Bredahl '90, Mitch Harper '90; back row, James Beach '89, Christopher Hiland '89, Kathleen Brigham '89, Kirsten Ritzau '89, Jane Goldstein '90, Ellen LeMaitre '91, Kathleen Murphy '91, Tucker Cavanaugh '91, Jennifer VanNoy '90, James Boyle '90, Karen Griffith '90, Phillip Morrilly '89, the newlyweds, William Baillargeon '89, James Hackett '89, Nancy Frost '90, Mark Lahive '89, Michelle Dube '88, Stephen Hopkins '89, Heather Jaynes '90, Drew Barton '89, Lindsey King '90, Ivar Henningson '89, Kathryn Dubzinski '90, David Hopkins '60, Anne Marshall Norris '86, Sue Goodwin Hopkins '60, Cynthia Hall Marshall '59, Cecily Mattocks Marshall '54 and Peter Marshall '53. Missing from the photo: Ken Chase '80.

OBITUARIES

1910

MYRA A. BAGLEY, 102, of Rutland, Vt., on August 13, 1990. A 1906 graduate of Rutland High School, she joined Alpha Chi sorority at Middlebury. After graduation she studied in Tours, France, before pursuing a career as a teacher of French in secondary schools in Rutland and Barre, Vt., Greenfield and Worcester, Mass., and Richmond, Va. She had been a member of the AAUW and the League of Women Voters, and had served in a variety of capacities as an alumnae volunteer for Middlebury. She was the oldest surviving member of the Class of 1910, and the oldest living member of Rutland's Grace Congregation Church.

1919

LEWMINA RICKERT, 94, of South Barre, Vt., on August 22, 1990. Born in Barre, she was a graduate of Spaulding High School there. She was a retired high school teacher, and had lived for many years at the Gilbert Home in Barre.

1919

MARY JENNINGS WINCHESTER, 92, of Johnson City, N.Y., on September 5, 1990. Born in Greens Farms, Conn., she prepared for college at Staples High School in Weston, Conn. After spending two years at Middlebury pursuing pre-medical studies, she earned her M.D. degree at Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1921, at just 23 years of age. She served her internship at Women's Hospital and completed her residency at West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children. She practiced for nearly 20 years in Minneapolis, before moving to Los Angeles in 1941, where she was in a professional partnership until retiring in 1964. She also served for 10 years as a full-time physician for the Los Angeles County School System. Dr. Winchester was a pioneer in many ways: member of the class of students in Philadelphia which took the first set of National Board Examinations to be administered; founding fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She delivered medical papers throughout Europe and North America. She was a member of many national and international professional associations, including more than 50 years in the American Medical Association. She also served as coordinator of L.A. County Planned Parenthood. She belonged to the D.A.R., and New York and California chapters of the Mayflower Society. She was predeceased by her husband, Warren Winchester, to whom she was married in 1951. Her sisters, Bessie Jennings '18 and Ida Jennings Penny '22, also preceded her in death. She is survived by three nephews, George Penny, Richard Penny and Frank Penny. She also leaves many patients and friends with whom she stayed in touch after more than 50 years in medicine.

1924

FRANCES C. SMITH, 87, of Fair Haven, Vt., on September 2, 1990. Born in Rutland, she grew up in Fair Haven and graduated from the local high school. Entering Middlebury in 1920, Fran majored in history and was active in the Dramatic, English and Glee Clubs, and was a charter member of Delta Omega Delta sorority. Many friends remember especially their happy association in "Bat. Cot.," in Pearsons Hall, and weekends at Lake Dunmore with gymnastics instructor Marion Young as chaperone. After graduation, Fran taught history in Proctor, Vt., for six years, then in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., for more than 35 years. During her teaching career she was a member of AAUW and the YWCA, and was active in the American Field Service. During several summers she took post-graduate courses at Columbia, Harvard and the University of Vermont. In 1967, Fran retired to her home in Fair Haven, where she became active in both town and church, continuing many of the interests she had developed in her college and teaching years. She was a member of the Fair Haven Art Club, the Bridge Club, the Church Women's Club, and served in many capacities in the First Congregational Church, including writing a history of the church. Her only survivors are cousins, one of whom drove her to Middlebury in June of 1989 so that she might enjoy a day with her classmates at our 65th class reunion. Fran will be greatly missed by her many friends.
— Amy Hunt Meek '24

1928

DOROTHY ABEL, 83, of Brookline, Mass., on May 24, 1990. Born in Kirwin, Kansas, Dot prepared for college at Seymour, Conn., High School. At Middlebury she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. Dot, our lively, friendly, scientist-poet, was active in dramatics, on the *Kaleidoscope* board, a contributor to the *Saxonian,* secretary of the YWCA, on the Pan-Hellenic Council, and associate editor of the *Freshman Handbook.* After receiving her master's degree from Syracuse University in 1929, she taught for 10 years in Cohoes, N.Y., before going to Brookline, Mass., High School, where she was an outstanding teacher of chemistry, physics and earth sciences for 27 years, her retirement dictated by ill health. Dot was active in education associations and in her church. Her two sisters, Katherine Abel Frasier '26 and Marjorie Abel, and two nephews, Douglas Frasier and Clint Frasier, survive her. Middlebury classmates and friends extend their sympathy to them.
— Miriam Sweet Coombs '28

1928

LEONARD F. CLARK, 83, of East Longmeadow, Mass., on August 4, 1990. A native of Springfield, Mass., he prepared for college at Springfield Central High School. At Middlebury he was a member of Beta Kappa fraternity. A runner on the cross-country team all four years, he played in the College Band, wrote for the *Saxonian,* and was editor-in-chief of the *Blue Baboon* his senior year. From 1929 to 1942, he worked in the auditing department and was a teller at the Hadley Falls Trust Co. of Holyoke, Mass. From 1947 to 1951, he worked at the Westfield, Mass., Savings Bank. He then became an auditor of the Woronoco Savings Bank in Westfield, where he eventually became assistant treasurer. From 1966 to 1972 he was an ornamental horticulturalist with the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. His wife, Greta Page Clark, died in 1985. Mr. Clark is survived by a cousin, Elizabeth Johnson, and by two special friends, JoAnn Johnson and Anita Trace.

1929

EDWARD F. LANDON, 82, of Longboat Key, Fla., on August 2, 1990, after a short illness. Ed was born in Milton, Vt., and graduated from high school there. He will be remembered well and affectionately as a member of the Dramatic Club and Wig and Pen, as a member of the college Debating Team and a prize-winning speaker, as a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, and as a loyal member of the Class of 1929. His major field of study, economics, led to a professional career on the claims side of insurance, first with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., from shortly after graduation until 1948, in Newark, N.J., New York City, Binghamton, N.Y., and Boston, and from 1948 until his 1973 retirement with the Exchange Mutual Insurance Co. in Buffalo, where he was secretary and later vice president. For two years during World War II he served with the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps as a special agent on the Manhattan Project. Time was divided after retirement between Longboat Key and on Lake Champlain, near Milton, with frequent travels in the U.S., Canada, Europe and England, especially London for its theater, which was a lifelong enthusiasm. Ed is survived by his wife, Adelaide Drew Landon, and by a son, John Landon.
— Raymond J. Saulnier '29

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ALINE BUCK SANDRIN, 81, of Monroe, Mich., on August 29, 1990. A native of Newport, Vt., and a graduate of its high school, at Middlebury she was a four-year member of the French Club and the Dramatic Club, and was also active in the Hiking Club, Choir and Glee Club. For nine years after graduation she taught French and English in several Vermont high schools, while pursuing graduate studies at the Bread Loaf School of English and Middlebury's French School. She earned an M.A. from Bread Loaf in 1939. Married in 1940 to Anton Sandrin, they lived in New York City for eight years before relocating to Orleans, Vt. After her children were grown, she resumed her teaching career, and finally retired in 1968. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by her children, William Sandrin and Katharine Sandrin Rice, and by three grandchildren.

1932

ELIZABETH MERRIAM AUSTIN, 80, of Providence, R.I., on July 7, 1990. Born on Boston's Beacon Hill, she spent her childhood in Braintree, Mass., and attended Thayer Academy. At Middlebury, Betty was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, played hockey, volleyball and basketball, and was an active member of the Dramatic Club. Her major was French, and after graduation she taught for three years in Barre, Vt., and at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H. In 1936 she married Frederick P. Austin, Jr. They lived in Little Compton, R.I. For the last five years, Betty had lived in Providence. Her interests of late centered in her home: gardening, reading, needlework, sports and grandchildren. She was a former member of Agawam Hunt, the Sakonnet Golf Club, the Little Compton Garden Club and the Providence Art Club. Betty was always loyal to Middlebury, with special interest in financial aid for students. Her husband died in 1982. She is survived by two daughters, Judith Austin Kilborn and Bethany Austin Jester; a brother, Robert Merriam; and three grandchildren. Her aunt, Elizabeth Merriam '95, was a roommate of Eleanor Ross, longtime dean of women at Middlebury.
— Gray and Georgiana Hulett Taylor, both '32

1932

LYNN R. CALLIN, 82, of Fort Myers, Fla., on June 8, 1990. He was born in Rochester, N.Y. At Middlebury, he joined Delta Upsilon fraternity. After earning his M.D. degree at the University of Rochester Medical School, he had three years of post-graduate training in surgery at Genesee Hospital, followed by three years as a general practitioner surgeon in Savannah, N.Y. He pursued his orthopedic special training under the renowned Dr. Bosworth at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. This training was followed by three years as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps stationed on Okinawa. During his 40-year career as an orthopedic surgeon in the Rochester area, he served in many leadership and advisory roles. He was clinical associate professor of orthopedics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, and was chief of the orthopedic department of Rochester General Hospital. In 1986 he was awarded the Albert Kaiser Medal, the highest honor to be bestowed upon a Fellow of the Rochester Academy of Medicine. He was very active in New York State medical affairs: past president of the Monroe County Medical Society; vice president and board member of the Genesee Region Home Care Association; president of the state medical society; medical society counselor; delegate to the state society; and for many years delegate to the American Medical Association. He was instrumental in drafting the agreement between physicians and state legislators on malpractice insurance. In his community, he served as leader and planner for cost-effective and quality health care. He was described by his friends and colleagues as "a very kind and caring physician. His real strength was his ability to take care of problems in a quiet, caring way...." He had served as co-secretary of the Class of 1932 from 1982 to 1987. He and his first wife, Rachel Gibson Callin, to whom he was married for almost 40 years, were longtime residents of Huntington Hills in Irondequoit, N.Y. Rachel died in 1978. Following his retirement in 1982, he moved to Fort Myers. He is survived by his wife, Edith "Bonnie" Callin; two daughters, Rachael and Susan; and a son, Randall.

— Gray and Georgiana Hulett Taylor, both '32

1932

FRANCIS H. HASTINGS, 79, of West Hartford, Conn., on August 23, 1990, after a long illness. Born in Worcester, Mass., he prepared for college at Bartlett High School in Webster, Mass. At Middlebury he majored in math and physics, and played intramural athletics all four years. He was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. For nearly 40 years he worked for the New Britain Machine Co., serving in a variety of capacities: machine designer, advertising manager, district manager in Cincinnati for 14 years, service manager and sales engineer. He retired from the company in 1973 after 14 years as director of international sales, in which capacity he traveled extensively throughout the world. A former member of the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, he was a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, New Britain. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Phillips Hastings; a son, John H. Hastings '65; two daughters, Polly Tucker and Sally Read; and three grandchildren, including Nancy H. Hastings '94. Other alumni survivors include a niece, Elizabeth Tayntor Gowell '78.

1934

WALTER HENKEN, 77, of Floral Park, N.Y., on June 7, 1989. A graduate of Hempstead, N.Y., High School, he transferred to Middlebury from New York University after the end of his freshman year. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. Following graduation, he taught history and social studies at Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park. During and right after World War II he worked for several defense contractors, before joining his brother in business during the 1950s. He then became a member of the chemistry department staff at Adelphi University, and retired in 1982 after 25 years of service. He is survived by a nephew.

1937

HELEN LAWTON DEVORE, 78, of Arlington, Va., on January 2, 1990, of heart ailments. Born in Trenton, N.J., she came to Middlebury from Trenton High School. After spending a year at Middlebury, she transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, and eventually earned bachelor's and master's degrees in library science at Rutgers University. Her career as a librarian for the federal government began at Fort Monmouth, N.J., during World War II, when she established the nation's first radar library, at a time when the existence of radar was top secret. She moved from there to Washington, D.C., in 1959, to serve as a librarian in the Commerce Department. She later worked for the Agriculture and Interior departments, before joining the Navy Department, from which she retired in 1977. She was married in 1947 to Charles DeVore, who died in 1984. She is survived by four brothers, Leonard J., B. Arthur, Norman S., and R. Donald Lawton. Another brother, William H. Lawton '23, died in 1983. Alumni survivors include a niece, Judith Lawton Kayle '58, and a great-niece, Jennifer Kayle '91.

1937

JOHN SEIXAS, 75, of Fort Wayne, Ind., on April 22, 1990. William Saroyan, writing about death, conceded its inevitability but held to the notion that somehow he would be an exception. Bud Seixas would appreciate the wry humor in that observation, so typical of his own quick wit and droll humor. Everyone who knew him loved him, a trite description but a true one. Many of us didn't know his real first name until John Claude Seixas was announced at Commencement in 1937. He was a big man in many ways — an outstanding tackle on the undefeated 1936 football team, anchoring the right side of what may have been the stongest line ever to play at Middlebury. Against Colby in the second game of the season, Bud blocked a punt, recovered the ball and ran it in for a touchdown, scoring the only points of the game and saving the undefeated record. An excellent student and a campus leader, he continued that strong leadership ability during his active professional life, as well as in his community. He was a popular radio announcer for high school football in Fort Wayne. After college, Bud held appointments with Time, Inc., in New York City, the Firestone Co., Permutit Chemical Co., and finally, with Alken-Murray, Inc., in production and sales for 22 years. A World War II veteran, he served as a captain in the Army artillery from 1942 to 1946, with Patton's Third Army in France and Germany. Bud was born in New York City, and prepared for college at Mamaroneck High School. He majored in political science, and was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and the "M" Club. In addition to playing football, he was a star on the track team. He is survived by his wife, Irene; a daughter, Barbara Anne Seixas; a son, John R. Seixas; and a brother, Robert Seixas '49. To each of them, the Class of 1937 extends its deepest sympathy and joins in celebrating the full life of a dear friend.

— William G. Craig '37

1938

EVERETT ALLEN, 73, of Fairhaven, Mass., on August 5, 1990. He was a noted journalist and author. A native of New Bedford, Mass., he grew up there and on Martha's Vineyard, preparing for college at Tisbury High School and Tabor Academy. At Middlebury, he majored in English and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was a writer for *The Campus* and the *Saxonian*, and became managing editor of both publications during his senior year. He also played in the College Band all four years, and was elected to Blue Key. He was hired immediately after graduation by the *New Bedford Standard Times*, where he was a writer and editor for the next 42 years. At the time of his 1980 retirement, he was editor of the editorial page. His career in journalism was interrupted by service in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II. He received the Bronze Star with combat "V" for service in the Allied landing at Omaha Beach on D-Day. A widely published author, he wrote seven non-fiction books, was a nationally syndicated columnist for more than 20 years, and was a frequent contributor to various regional and national magazines. He was honored many times for his writing, and was nominated five times for a Pulitzer Prize. In 1979 he was named a fellow of the Academy of New England Journalists, and in 1985 he was awarded an honorary doctor of letters from Southeastern Massachusetts University. He is survived by his wife of nearly 41 years, Phyllis Johnson Allen; a son, Christopher S. Allen; a daughter, Stephanie Harness Ridley; a sister, Marjorie Allen Wood; his aunt and uncle, Alice and Erford Burt; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1941

HELEN NORDENHOLT KRUSKAMP, 70, of Jamestown, Ohio, on August 13, 1990, of amyloidosis, a rare disease which causes the body to produce excess protein. Helen ("Nordie") was born in Bethlehem, Pa., and graduated from Chatham (N.J) High School. At Middlebury she majored in mathematics and was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She was a member of the Mountain Club and was on the Winter Carnival Committee. Upon graduation, she had several positions involving her math and drafting skills, which she resumed after a hiatus for child raising. She retired in 1982. Helen was extremely interested in genealogy, and was an active member of both the Greene County and Ohio Genealogy Societies. She assisted many people all over the country in tracing their roots. Helen is survived by her husband, Leo; two daughters, Mary Kruskamp and Clarita (Cita) Bradds; a brother, George Nordenholt; two sisters, Louise Schatz and Lucille Shay; and three grandchildren. The Class of 1941 extends its deepest sympathy to each of them.

— Elaine Wadlund House '41

1942

MARJORIE HUGHES SOULE, 69, of Orleans, Mass., on August 7, 1990. Born in Montclair, N.J., and a graduate of its high school, she majored in English at Middlebury. "Midge" roomed with Lois Grandy Makulec '42 and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She was active in athletics, was a member of Mountain Club and Skyline, and served as chairwoman of the Winter Carnival social committee during her junior year. Married to Raymond H. Squire '42 after three years in college, she was a homemaker until her children were grown, and lived in Orleans from 1951 until her death. She is survived by a close companion, Ken Turner; two sons, Larry Squire and Ray Squire, and a daughter, Patricia Ramsey; a stepson, Peter Soule; a sister, Olivia Ryan; a brother, Frederick Hughes; and eight grandchildren. Her husband, C. Emory Soule, died in 1978.

1945

MARILYN KNUST CALDER, 66, of

Ligonier, Pa., in late July, 1990, of cancer. Born in Maplewood, N.J., she prepared for college at Columbia High School there, where she participated in various choral and dramatic activities. Lyn entered Middlebury in the fall of 1941, and met her future husband, Bill Calder '45, during the first week of freshman orientation. She joined Phi Mu sorority, and majored in political science. From this beginning, a lifelong interest and love of Middlebury resulted. Married in 1943, they were the first "veteran" couple to return to campus after the war, when Lyn worked in the College's alumnae/alumni office. She served as the 1945 women's class secretary during the 1960s, and played an active role in the College's Challenge Fund campaign during that decade. Lyn and Bill were charter members of the Annual Giving Campaign when this program was introduced in the post-war years. After Middlebury, Lyn and Bill moved to the Cleveland area, where they raised their three children. In addition to homemaking, Lyn's interests included church work in Franklin, Pittsburgh and Ligonier, board member for nine years with the Women's Auxiliary of the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers (with particular emphasis on scholarship activities), scout activities when her children were that age, and a continuing interest in the Franklin Public Library, where she had served as a trustee. Lyn and Bill maintained homes in Ligonier and on the west coast of Florida. Bill, their three children, Robert '68, Ann and Susan, and four grandchildren survive. Our hearts go out particularly to Bill. Lyn was a great lady and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.
— *Alan Wolfley '45*

1945

LOT B. PAGE, 67, of Lincoln, Mass., on August 29, 1990, of prostate cancer. Born in Tarrytown, N.Y., he graduated from West Newton, Mass., High School and entered Middlebury in September 1941. In college, Lot was a stalwart member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, was active in the Mountain Club and was a whiz in the natural sciences. Like so many of his classmates, Lot left Midd to join the armed services. He joined the U.S. Army in May 1943 and was eventually assigned to the Army Special Training program, attending The Citadel and the University of Missouri for engineering courses. He then studied medicine at the Washington University School of Medicine, and earned his M.D. degree at Harvard in 1949. Forty years after Lot left Middlebury, he received his degree from the College. At Middlebury's 1983 commencement exercises, he donned his crimson Harvard doctoral gown to receive his B.A. degree. Throughout his long and distinguished career, Lot was totally and completely immersed in all facets of medicine: practicing physician; chief of medicine for 20 years at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, while also serving as professor of medicine at Tufts University for most of those years; noted specialist in hypertension and kidney diseases; physician during the Korean War; and, most recently, researcher at the National Institutes of Health specializing in aging. He also held a number of appointments in connection with the Harvard Medical School and the hospitals affiliated with the university. At the time of his death he was chief of medicine at the Veterans Medical Center in Manchester, N.H. A former member of the editorial board of the New England Journal of Medicine, Lot's professional memberships included affiliation with 17 different organizations. His studies in the field of poisonous mushrooms made him a recognized expert in this field. Lot was married in 1950 to Patricia Howe, who survives him, as do their three children: Deborah Peterson, Jesse Page and John Page. The Class of 1945 wishes to recognize the outstanding achievements of one of its most distinguished members, and to extend to his family our deep regret and sincere sympathy at his passing.
— *Alan Wolfley '45*

1950

JOHN A. HENDERSON, 63, of Rotterdam, N.Y., on July 28, 1989. Born in Oneonta, N.Y., he was salutatorian of Oneonta High School's Class of 1944. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as an ensign and earning several awards, including the Navy Cross. After his military service, he came to Middlebury, where he majored in political science. A member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, he was active in the Mountain Club and the Sailing Club. Married in 1953 to Claire Reinhardt, he became the owner and manager of Henderson's Clothing Store in Oneonta, retiring in 1974 after more than 20 years. He was active in many community and service organizations, and was past president of the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce. He was a member and former elder of Oneonta's First Presbyterian Church, and was a 32nd degree Mason. His wife died in 1963. He is survived by two daughters, Susan J. Henderson and Deborah Henderson Bornstein; his mother, Mrs. Ralph W. (Jean M.) Henderson; an aunt; and a granddaughter.

1950

MARTHA BALCOM PUGH, 61, of Winter Haven, Fla., on January 10, 1990. A native of Emporium, Pa., "Marty" transferred to Middlebury from Wilson College. A Spanish major, she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She also participated in the College Band and Orchestra, the Spanish Club and Mountain Club. After graduation, she taught Spanish and English at Garrison Forest School, worked in advertising for a time, and was a stewardess before her marriage in the mid-1950's to Jack F. Pugh. They raised two children, Anne E. Pugh and Michael B. Pugh, both of whom survive, as does her stepson, Jack L. Pugh. Her husband died in 1986.

1952

EDWARD A. GLEASON, Jr., 63, of Sunapee, N.H., on September 22, 1990, in Haiti. A native of Marblehead, Mass., he was a graduate of Marblehead High School and Tilton Academy. A French major at Middlebury, he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, and was commodore of the Sailing Club. He was also a member of the Interfraternity Council, the Athletic Council, and was a representative to the Men's Assembly. From 1952 to 1971, Mr. Gleason taught French at the Lenox School, where he was also ice hockey coach and athletic director. From 1974 to 1977 he taught at Triton, Mass., Regional High School, before embarking on a career as a missionary and administrator of the Episcopal Church at the Amie-Bastien School, Haiti. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he raced Lightning class sailboats with the Marblehead Yacht Club. He was also a founding member of the Hylawn Jersey hockey team in Pittsfield, Mass. Husband of the late Eleanor J. (Polley) Gleason, he is survived by two sons, Edward A. Gleason, III, and Stephen C. Gleason; a daughter, Mrs. William (Elizabeth A.) Evitts; a sister, Harriet Diamond; and two grandchildren.

1953

WILLIAM P. MARSEILLES, III, 59, of Pinehurst, N.C., on September 8, 1990, of cancer. Born in New York City, Bill grew up in Waccabuc, N.Y., and prepared for college at the Loomis School in Windsor, Conn. At Middlebury, Bill majored in English, and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He was active on the cross-country team, and served on the sports staffs of *The Campus* and the *Kaleidoscope*. Immediately after college, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, completed Naval air training in Pensacola, Fla., and earned his wings in 1955. Stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, he served with Marine Fighter Squadron 232. A certified member of the Mach Busters Club, Bill flew the FJ-4 fighter jet and was promoted to captain in 1957. Bill began a 13-year career in radio advertising in 1958 with Robert E. Eastman and Co., Inc., on the original staff of the New York City office. After making a significant contribution to the growth of the office, he opened and managed the Atlanta division of the company, which he built into one of the leading broadcasting sales offices in the Southeast. He then returned to New York, became vice president of a company division and a director on the corporate board. Bill left the Eastman Company in 1970, when he and his family moved to Killington, Vt., to enter private business. From 1971 to 1979 he was president of Gazebo, Ltd., a home furnishings and giftware store. Bill was an active Middlebury alum and parent. He served as class secretary from 1973 to 1978, and was chairman of a memorable 25th Reunion. In the 1978 class newsletter, Bill commented: "We do a few things to contribute at the 'grass roots' level in (Killington)." In fact, he was a member of the Sherburne Elementary School Board from 1973 to 1979, serving as president for two years. During that time he acted as a community spokesperson to gain state support for the town recreation park. Bill and his wife, Lynn, took that same involvement to Pinehurst, N.C., where they opened another home furnishings store in 1980, and again made an impact on the community. A charter member of the Pinehurst Business Guild, Bill served as a director and was the only person to be president for two terms. He was instrumental in significantly increasing the growth of the organization. He joined Moore County Home Builders in 1983, was elected a director in 1985, and secretary in 1988. Bill was the Home Builders' Associate of the Year in 1986, and had been publicity chairman since 1987. A charter member of the Pinehurst Rotary Club, he was also an active member of the Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce, and was elected to its board of directors at the beginning of this year. He continued to be an avid runner, and completed the Grand Isle, Southeastern Masters, New York City and Marine Corps marathons. Bill met any activity with dedication, humility and a keen sense of humor. But of all his accomplishments, he remained most proud of his family: his wife Lynn, and his two sons, Bill and Chris '89, to whom we extend our very sincerest sympathies. The Class of 1953 has lost a good friend.
— *Alton H. Bassett '53*

1954

J. ROBERT NEWMAN, 57, of Norwalk, Conn., on August 18, 1990, of cardiac arrest. Born in Dobb's Ferry, N.Y., and raised in Yonkers, he graduated from Gorton High School there. An economics major at Middlebury and a member of Theta Chi fraternity, he completed his undergraduate studies at the University of South Carolina. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he pursued a career in banking, which was his life's work. A graduate of Rutgers University's Stonier School of Banking, he worked for nearly 10 years with the State National Bank in Stamford, Conn., before joining the Merchants Bank and Trust Co. in 1968 as vice president and trust officer. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the board and chief executive officer at the bank, positions he had held since 1980. A resident of Norwalk since 1963, he was involved in a wide variety of charitable and civic causes, including service as president of the Vitam Center, director of the Norwalk Hospital, and chairman of the Mayor's Economic Development Council. He was an avid

golfer, and belonged to the Shorehaven Golf Club and the Pine Valley Golf Club. He is survived by his wife, Mary Doran Newman; five sons, J. Robert, Jr., James D., Edward M., Christopher C., and Craig D. Newman; a daughter, Maura J. Newman; two brothers, Richard G. and Peter G. Newman; a sister, Jeanne K. Yamiolkoski; and a granddaughter.

1964

CLIFFORD R. FULTON, Jr., 48, of Sudbury, Mass., on June 25, 1990, after a short illness. Mr. Fulton was born in Rochester, N.Y., and prepared for Middlebury at the Allendale School there. At Middlebury he majored in history and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Fulton belonged to the Young Republicans and participated in intramurals throughout his college years, served on the Men's Athletic Council and as hockey manager for three years. Upon graduation, Mr. Fulton served in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Korea as part of the Military Police Corps. In 1970, he earned his J.D. degree at Syracuse University and went into private practice in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1977 he joined Welch Foods, where he rose to vice president and general counsel. Mr. Fulton is survived by his wife, Sun Cha (Yim) Fulton; his father, Clifford R. Fulton, Sr., and one sister, Janice Jane. The Class of 1964 extends its deepest sympathy to each of them.
— Bob Baskin '64

1965

JOSEPH V. SPITALE, III, 46, of Warren, Vt., on July 11, 1990, after a long illness. Born in Jacksonville, Fla., and raised in Pennsylvania, he prepared for college at Pennsbury Senior High School in Yardley, Pa. At Middlebury he majored in French, and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, serving as its scholarship chairman and representative to the Interfraternity Council. For many years he lived in California, before relocating to Vermont, where he was active in the hotel and restaurant industry from 1981 to 1987. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Spitale, Jr.; his sisters, Mrs. Louise Derenzis and Ms. Dorothy Elliott; and his long-time friend, John Denham.

BEQUESTS

From the estate of **Paris Fletcher** '24, $1,556,681 for The Fletcher Fund for the Future, bringing the total bequest to $1,994,768.50.

From the estate of **Ruth M. Walzer**, $104,621.21 for the use and benefit of the Bread Loaf School of English.

From the estate of **Jean Foard Colton** '43, $1,390.47 for the general endowment, bringing the total bequest to $31,037.75.

From the trust of **Donald Ross '23**, $110,190.74 for the Ross Athletic Fund.

From the estate of **Lester Q. Stewart** '26, $100,000 for the Lester Q. Stewart '26 and Helen E. Stewart '27 Library Fund, bringing the total bequest to $200,000.

From the estate of **Helen M. Levene** '27, $1,330.82, for the Helen Matthews Levene '27 Fund, bringing the total bequest to $174,229.18.

From the estate of **Herbert Lewis Smith**, $100,000 for the Donald D. Fredrickson '25 Memorial Scholarship Fund, bringing the total bequest to $281,787.50.

From the estate of **Marjorie B. Eames** '25, $225,000 for the Mr. and Mrs. William P. Eames and Dr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Harrington Memorial Fund, bringing the total bequest to $240,000. Annual income to be unrestricted.

From the estate of **Edna M. Karlik**, $39,437.27 for the Albert and Edna Karlik Scholarship Fund, bringing the total for the fund to $74,906.89.

From the trust of **Frank P. Shea** '10, $70,872.25 for the general endowment of Middlebury College.

From the trust of **Helene Marie Loidreau**, $211,600 for the use and benefit of the French Summer School, bringing the total of this fund to $481,258.63.

Soviet Union

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nary. When this bucolic interlude ended, we arrived at Irkutsk — "the pearl of Siberia" — and the city we all agreed was our favorite.

There is an irony connected with Irkutsk, related to its history as a city of exiles. For centuries, under the czars, troublemakers of various kinds were banished to this region as a form of punishment — including the famous Decembrists after the uprising of 1825. But because many of these undesirables were intelligent, talented individuals, Irkutsk became a cultural center. For this reason, and because its environment is less polluted, many people are now *choosing* to come to Irkutsk to live — something that Siberia has in common with Vermont. Amazingly enough, the climates of the two areas are also similar. In fact, David Macey has been known to refer to Middlebury as "Siberia West."

It is easy to understand why people are enchanted by Irkutsk. The air is noticeably cleaner, and both the natural and built landscapes are more beautiful. The city is on the Angara River, with a wide park and promenade along the bank. Everywhere are old Siberian houses with their exquisitely carved and decorated wooden shutters. Even the modern architecture is more attractive. And not far away is magnificent Lake Baikal — the oldest and deepest lake in the world. It's exciting to take a boat trip on this big, brooding body of water, which is actually a rift valley that is still growing, as a result of more than 2,000 seismic events each year.

From Irkutsk, a short plane ride brought us to Ulan Bator, or "Red Hero," the capital of Mongolia, located in an odd, dream-like, desert landscape. The Russian presence in this country has hardly been a positive one. The exploitation of Mongolia's mineral resources has led to serious pollution problems, and the modernization of its major city has been more of an uglification. With the disruption of the traditional way of life and the destruction of Lamaism, this society seems to have lost its cultural center. It remains to be seen whether or not last spring's "quiet" revolution can bring about much improvement. At least Mongolia has declared itself neutral and has stopped allowing the Soviets to mine its uranium. Economically more autonomous, it hopes to expand its meat industry through exports to both the Soviet Union and China. I preferred our visit to a tourist camp in the countryside where we caught sight of nomadic families with their yurts (tents) and herds of yaks, horses and cattle.

Our last stop was Tbilisi. Georgia was an early convert to Christianity and its old stone churches are truly elegant, embodying both strength and simplicity. They are open again for services, as are Russian Orthodox churches across the Soviet Union. Georgia's warm, Mediterranean climate cured the cold (was it scurvy?) I had contracted — possibly with a little help from the fresh produce we finally encountered. After touring a champagne factory, we were presented with heaping bowls of fresh fruit, which some of us found more exciting than the samples of champagne. From Tbilisi, we traveled back to Helsinki and on to New York.

The trip was enjoyable on one level, and deeply disturbing on another. To this traveler, at least, it quickly became clear that the Soviet Union is not an "evil empire" but a tragic one. In the 73 years since the Revolution, this empire has gradually been reduced to a Third-World entity. Behind the Soviet Union's superpower facade is a society on the brink of economic, political and spiritual bankruptcy. I saw a young man wearing a T-shirt which said it all. On the front was Lenin, wondering "What went wrong?"

Marxism was not indigenous to Russia; as something imported it had to be imposed on the people. Marxist analysis was inappropriate in a predominately agricultural country where industry was not advanced and the proletariat unevolved. With primarily the peasants to transform, Stalin brutally collectivized them. The state — not the workers — took control of the means of production. Since then, the Russian economy has slowly stagnated, at a terrible cost in suffering to its citizens. Only the black market appears to retain any vitality. As in 1917, a tremendous political crisis has developed among people tired of deprivation and deception. Some fear a civil war, and others a new type of tyranny masquerading as a miracle cure.

But there is another side to this grim reality. We met some marvelous people who, one hopes, hold the future in their hands. They were less bitter, less angry, and more willing to invest energy in creating a new society. There was the couple on the train who risk working at Chernobyl to raise money to buy a farm in Birobidzhan. And there was Slava, who dared to have that second child, while deciding to leave Intourist and establish his own business with an American travel firm.

Another hero was Alyosha — intelligent, intense and determined to save Lake Baikal. He has joined with the Sierra Club to set up a wilderness camp devoted to ecological issues on the shore of the lake. And there is Yelena, who wants to study economics in this country to help her homeland make the transition to a more efficient system.

Ultimately I decided that Sasha, the Leningrad pessimist, is wrong. The Russian people have already suffered enough — and joy is more successful in the salvation of the soul.

Sound good to you? Join the next trip

If you're interested in a trip to the Soviet Union, Middlebury's Alumni Office has good news: Another trip is planned for this spring, also led by Professor David Macy of the history department. The tentative schedule is for a three-week trip starting May 28, visiting cities in Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Latvia and Russia. If you would like to receive more information on this or other Alumni tours, contact the Alumni Office at 802/388-3711, ext. 5183.

DISPATCHES

To this traveller, an empire seems not evil, but tragic

By Penny Holt '63

Years ago, when I entered Middlebury as a freshman, my father told me he would send me to the Soviet Union if I studied Russian. I did, but decided to spend the following summer in El Salvador.

Back in March, a brochure arrived from Middlebury, offering a chance to recoup that loss, and at a time when the Soviet Union is in an exciting period of transition. The alumni trip seemed to me the ultimate tour of that part of the world, including the Soviet Far East, the Trans-Siberian Railway, Irkutsk and Lake Baikal, and even a side excursion to Mongolia.

The Citizen Exchange Council in New York had arranged contacts with various groups of Soviet citizens along the route and David Macey, a professor of history at Middlebury, was coming to share his expertise in the field of Russian history, and his experience as a traveler and resident in the Soviet Union. In the end, the trip proved to be one of the most successful I have ever taken. In fact, it was literally a "moving" experience: We travelled 30,000 miles, and traversed 11 time zones.

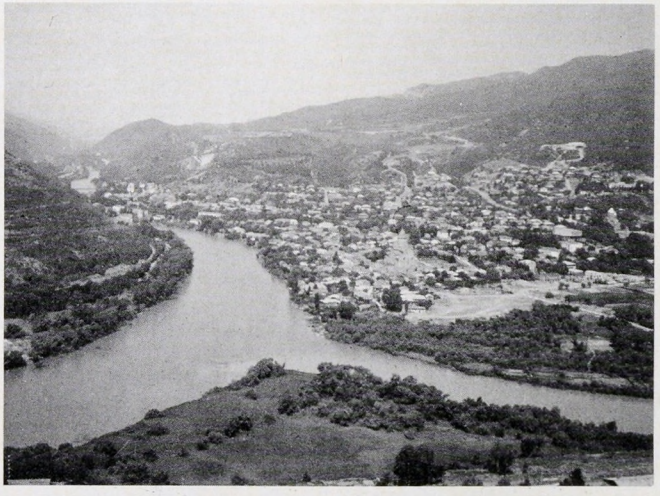
As the 10 of us assembled in New York on June 7 for our flight to Helsinki, David Macey advised us to enjoy a "last supper" of salad greens as we were to encounter few fruits and vegetables during our stay. Due to distribution problems — what the *New York Times* describes as "economic lapses" within the system — much of the fresh produce spoils before it reaches the public. Many Russians raise their own vegetables on small plots surrounding their summer cottages, or "dachas." Recently, they have been allowed to market their surpluses.

Our first stop in Russia was Leningrad, a city that seems to have changed both its name and its character over the last 70 years. Upon arrival, you discover that the airport approaches are cracked and crumbling, and the terminal building is dark, deserted and rundown. Once the favorite city of a fashionable, European-oriented aristocracy and the elegant rival of any Western capital, Leningrad is now a backward-looking city, pervaded by a sense of sadness, seeming to long for the glory of a past that disappeared with the Revolution. All of this was embodied in Sasha, an unemployed intellectual and would-be filmmaker with whom we had dinner. He not only leaned toward restoration of the monarchy, but also believed that deep suffering was required of the Russian people to bring about the salvation of the country's collective soul.

Of course, another factor that still influences the present reality of Leningrad and adds to this aura of grief is the Nazi's brutal seige of the city during the Second World War. Every family was affected by this agony; the pictures in the memorial museum are too painful to view. At the eternal flame in the park, we saw a newly-married couple — the bride still dressed in white — paying respects to the thousands who perished. Indeed, all over the Soviet Union eternal flames burn for the victims of war — for, by 1945, the Soviet war dead outnumbered the dead in all the other countries combined.

On our last day in Leningrad, I went to the Nevsky Monastery to visit the grave of Dostoyevsky. Though I had hardly expected to find an eternal flame, I was surprised by the lack of attention paid to one of Russia's most famous writers. There was a modest stone monument marking the plot, but rarely did a passer-by pause in front of it. Slava, our Intourist guide, who had done his doctoral dissertation on Shakespeare, explained that Soviet students are not encouraged to read their country's classics in other than synopsis form, although families often retain old worn copies of the original editions. I thought about how much I love those pre-revolutionary masterpieces, and began to realize that in coming to the Soviet Union, I had, on some unconscious level, expected to encounter the reality with which I was familiar from my reading. I, too, was feeling nostalgia for the old Russia which had been so utterly eradicated in 1917.

The flight from Leningrad to Moscow is not a long one, but the contrast between the two cities is great. Moscow is a bustling, modern metropolis characterized by a higher level of energy and a faster-paced lifestyle. In a way, this compensates for its lack of charm. Much of its architecture is dull and drab — especially the monstrosities erected during the Stalinist era. What is left of the glamour of the Romanovs' 300-year reign is found in the museum complex at the Kremlin. Here the tourist can view the trappings of the former royal family, which rival those at the Topkapi in Istanbul.



The city of Tbilisi, on the Kura River, was one of the stops for the Middlebury travelers.

Our CEC guide in Moscow was Sue Folger, the daughter of a former Middlebury professor, and an absolute delight. She was responsible for our only gourmet dining experience in the Soviet Union. Avoiding the two-hour wait at McDonald's, she took us to a restaurant which is a "joint venture" between a Moscovite and a club in Trenton, N.J. This seemingly odd combination proved to be very successful as the menu was truly superb.

Also while in Moscow, we had an interview with three editors from *Soviet Woman*. As a magazine meant for distribution outside the USSR, it has traditionally functioned as a form of propaganda. But in an era of glasnost and perestroika, there appears to be an effort under way to more accurately represent the lives of Russian women. The editors were intelligent, outgoing and eager to tell us about their lives, if perhaps a little uneasy with their freedom to tell the truth. All three expressed a negative attitude about child-rearing. Only one had children. In fact, in the Russian Republic, family size is small, undoubtedly due to limited living space and economic hardship. Women spend a lot of time waiting in lines — as well as waiting on their husbands. As a journalist friend of mine put it: "What the women in the Soviet Union need most is the Grand Union."

Leaving Moscow, we flew to Khabarovsk in the Soviet Far East — a flight that took just as long as the one from New York to Helsinki. Khabarovsk, where we would board the Trans-Siberian Railway, is a lovely city located on a bluff above "Father" Amur — the second most famous river in Russia, after "Mother" Volga. Since this area is not far from Japan, it's a popular place for Japanese tourists — and investors. Like other parts of the USSR, this city hopes for greater autonomy and direct economic contacts with the outside world.

We spent three days and two nights on the "Big Red Train," as Newby calls it, although ours was actually dark green, with the hammer and sickle in gold on the front. By the time we reached Irkutsk, we had covered half the distance back to Moscow — and viewed some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Because the class of our accommodations was lowered at the last minute, we also had the chance to visit with Soviet citizens, who usually travel second-class.

For me, the word "Siberia" has always been associated with images of an eternally frozen wasteland — the ultimate hell of Dante's *Inferno*. What a surprise to discover the paradise of Siberia in summer. From the windows of the train, we gazed at unspoiled, pastoral landscapes with wide quiet rivers and virgin stands of birch, larch and cedar. Deer could be seen grazing at the water's edge and in the evening, the quality of the light was extraordi-

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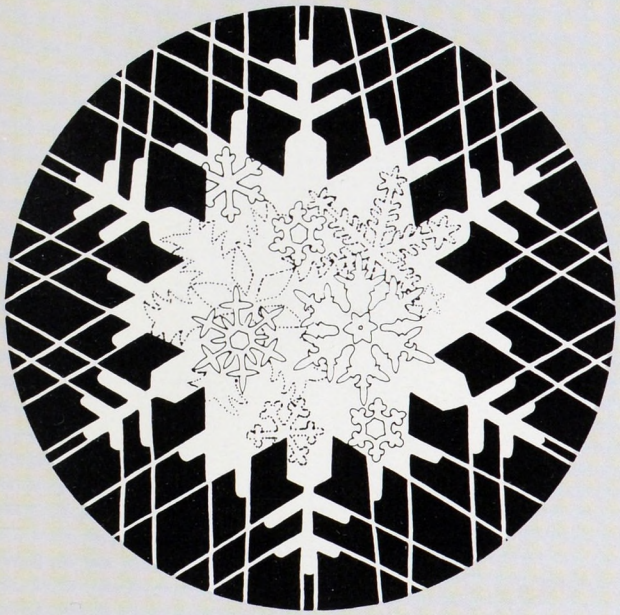

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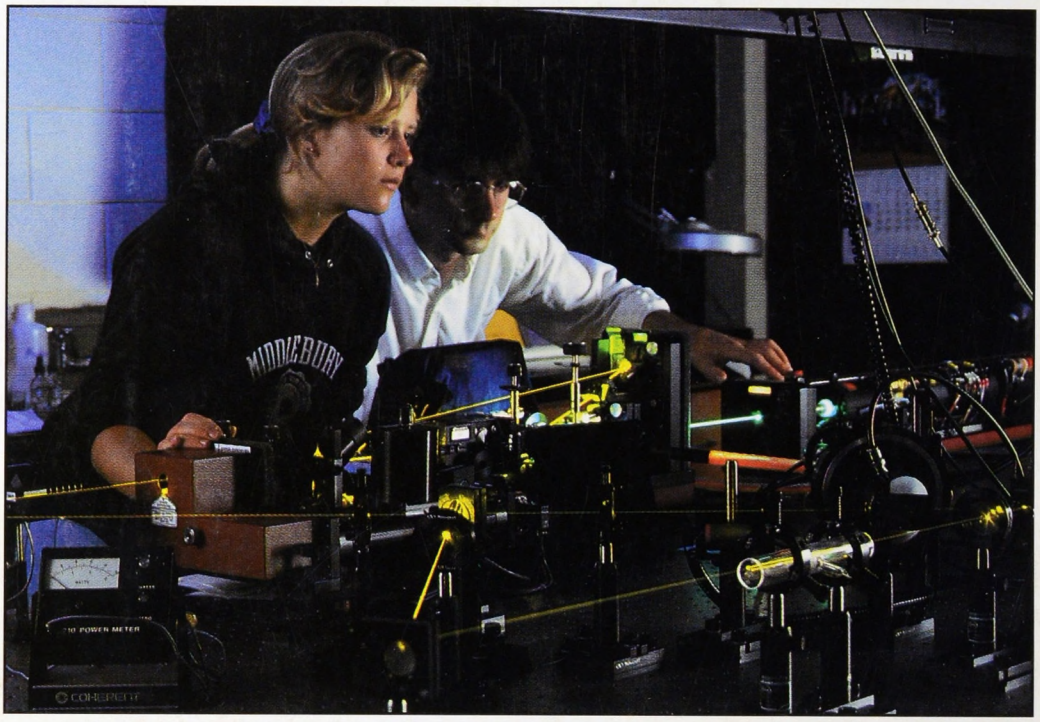

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